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Clementine's restaurants hit with federal suit

Dept. of Labor contends back wages, fines are owed

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

Two popular Southwest Michigan restaurants and their owner could end up paying $36,000 in back wages and fines to employees who a federal agency claims were short-changed in pay.

The U.S. Department of Labor filed a lawsuit on Monday in U.S. Sixth District Court against Clementine's Saloon in South Haven, Clementine's Too in St. Joseph and their owner Al Ruppert, according to online court documents. A news report on WOOD-TV of Grand Rapids said that employees brought forth the complaint to the Labor Department. But a spokesperson for Clementine's said the restaurant wasn't sure if that was the case or not.

"They (Labor Department investigators) said it was random," said Sue Frederick, business manager for Clementine's.

The Department of Labor public affairs department could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

The lawsuit claims Clementine's violated the federal Fair Labor Standards Act by not classifying some of its workers as minimum wage employees. Instead they were designated to receive a combination of wages and tips, according to the suit. The restaurant, however, disagrees with these findings.

The Department of Labor contends that Clementine's should have classified its "expediter staff" in the same wage category as kitchen staff. Instead, the two restaurants put expediters in the same classification as servers and bartenders, who receive a combination of hourly wages and tips.

"It was the tipping that was the problem," Frederick said.

Servers, she said, would split their tips with the expediters, who are employees tasked with seating customers and helping servers with general tasks.

Frederick said the restaurant put expediters in the same wage classification as servers because they worked with servers, and were not in the kitchen with dishwashers and cooks.

"Expediters are never in the kitchen," she said. "They're always out front. ... They serve people at the bar and work with servers."

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GREAT WAY TO SPEND THE DAY

ABOVE: Avery Needles, 5, of Bridgman launches a figurine with a parachute up a tube Wednesday in the Floaters and Flyers exhibit at Curious Kids' Museum in St. Joseph. Check the museum's website at curiouskidsmuseum.org for hours of operation and upcoming special events.

RIGHT: Wesley Tucker, 4, of Niles feeds the dinosaurs Wednesday at Curious Kids' Museum.

Photos by Louise Wrege / HP staff

Church proposal raises concerns in Watervliet

Freshwater Church wants to renovate old hobby shop building

By JAMES P. MILLER
HP Correspondent

WATERVLIET — Before a standing-room-only audience Tuesday evening, city commissioners took up the legally complex and contentious issue of whether to grant a church permission to buy and renovate a shuttered property in the downtown business district.

The city's planning commission voted unanimously last month to recommend the city deny Freshwater Community Church's request for a special land-use permit that would let it purchase the building that used to house Bob's Hobby Shop, at 115 N. Main St.

Typically, city commissions follow planner recommendations without any discussion. But the church's request represents "kind of a unique situation," noted Mayor David Brinker.

After lengthy discussion and input from members of the public, commissioners opted to set aside the issue for a week, in order to seek legal counsel – and perhaps a compromise that could resolve the conflict.

If it receives the needed city permits, the church will pay the unpaid back taxes due on the hobby shop property, and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars renovating the deteriorating building for use as a church and community center.

The Freshwater plan promises to help bring welcome additional life to Watervliet's sleepy downtown area, backers note. Critics, however, are concerned that adding the church

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Michigan SC gives green light to phones in courts

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

PONTIAC — The public can bring laptops, tablets and phones into Michigan courthouses under a groundbreaking policy announced Wednesday by the state Supreme Court.

The new rule covers the use of electronic devices in courtrooms and clerk's offices, where public documents are stored. Many elected clerks had opposed the policy during the drafting stage because it would allow people to copy records and avoid fees, a key source of revenue.

The rule change improves access and "will help make sure the doors to our courts are open to all," Chief Justice Bridget McCormack said.

The public can bring electronic devices into courtrooms to take notes, use the internet or exchange email and text messages, under the rule, which starts May 1 in circuit, district and probate courts. Photos or video, however, are prohibited unless approved by a judge.

Copies of court documents can be made as long as the "device leaves no mark or impression on the document and does not unreasonably interfere with the operation of the clerk's office," the rule states.

The rule says judges can restrict devices if the activity "is disruptive or distracting to a court proceeding."

Phone policies have

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ANALYSIS

President Trump seeks election-year out after Iran strikes

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump said Iran was "standing down" from possible conflict with the U.S. But Trump himself was just as eager for an out.

Trump, by declining to take military action in retaliation for Iranian missile strikes against Iraqi bases that house U.S. troops, edged the nation back from the brink of a war that could have destabilized the Middle East. That fits with his broader foreign policy pattern: talk tough but stay away from armed conflict.

And that approach, mixed with a bit of luck and Iran's own desire to avoid open conflict, could allow Trump to pull off dual election-year goals of projecting strength while placating those who backed him because of his promise to withdraw the United States from "endless" wars in the Middle East.

"This was clearly a speech that was designed to avoid the need to take further military action or open war, which I don't think is the president's desire or Iran's desire," said retired Adm. James Stavridis, NATO's

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UNC newspaper sues over deal to remove Confederate statue

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The University of North Carolina Board of Governors violated the state's open meetings laws by secretly negotiating and approving a deal to dispose of a Confederate monument from the campus of the system's flagship school, according to a lawsuit filed by a student newspaper.

DTH Media Corp., which publishes The Daily Tar Heel student newspaper on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus, wants a court to void two agreements between the Board of Governors and the state chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, news outlets reported on Wednesday.

"The manner in which the meeting was noticed and conducted effectively prevented any member of the public, including those who may have attended the meeting, from understanding its purpose or outcome, much less raising questions or objections," the DTH lawsuit said.

The deal has been denounced by students and faculty members as paying money to support white nationalism. UNC-Chapel Hill lost a $1.5 million research grant because of it.

"The University will review the claims and respond in court," UNC System spokesman Josh Ellis said when asked for comment, according to The News & Observer. "The University is committed to the spirit and purpose of the Open Meetings Act and UNC Board of Governors meetings are conducted in full accordance with all state laws."

Superior Court Judge Allen Baddour said last month that he is reconsidering his approval of the deal. Baddour approved an agreement on Nov. 27 in which the SCV agreed to take ownership of the "Silent Sam" statue and build a center to preserve it. The statue stood for more than a century on the Chapel Hill campus before protesters took it down in August 2018. The university agreed to put $2.5 million into a trust to help defray the costs of the new center.

In addition, UNC-Chapel Hill paid the SCV about $75,000 not to display Confederate flags or similar banners on any UNC system campus during any meetings or demonstrations for five years.

The deal was approved behind closed doors by the Board of Governors' Committee on University Governance, which met via conference call the day before Thanksgiving without any notice. Twenty-two of the 24 board members were on the conference call, and at least one person on the eight-member committee opposed the deal.

When the committee returned to open session, it adjourned without public acknowledgment of the settlement, saying only that there would be a news release later in the day.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
07-10-28-34-38-44
Poker Lotto
QC-KD-JH-9C-10H
Midday Daily 3
9-6-8
Midday Daily 4
4-3-5-6
Daily 3
8-2-8
Daily 4
1-0-2-2
Fantasy 5
07-12-13-20-22
Keno
03-04-05-07-08-11-16-26-27-29-35-39-42-43-48-50-53-54-60-62-72-73
Mega Millions jackpot
$80 million
Powerball jackpot
$258 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
25-40-41-52-56, Mega Ball: 21, Megaplier: 4
Indiana
Cash 5
17-27-31-39-41
Cash4Life
11-13-28-58-59, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
03-06-07-08-17-19-27-29-30-32-35-39-42-47-51-58-59-62-65-72, BE: 6
Daily Three-Midday
6-3-5, SB:
Daily Three-Evening
8-6-0, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
9-1-8-9, SB:
Daily Four-Evening
0-2-4-3, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
03-04-10-13-15-26-35-37-40-41-43-44-52-53-63-67-68-72-74-76, BE: 26
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-07-21-24-32
Pick Three-Midday
3-3-2, Fireball: 7
Pick Three-Evening
8-3-7, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
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Roberts would hold the gavel, but not the power, at Trump impeachment trial

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U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts prepares to speak at the The John G. Heyburn II Initiative and University of Kentucky College of Law's judicial conference and speaker series in Lexington, Ky. in 2017.

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. will preside over any impeachment trial of President Donald Trump as the Constitution requires, but don't expect him to make decisions that substantively reshape the action.

Although there is speculation about how active a role Roberts will take in an impeachment trial and whether key witnesses testify, the Senate under past rules has given relatively little authority to the nation's top judicial figure. And in the areas Roberts might have authority to make rulings, such as questions about whether evidence is relevant, the rules also allow the Senate to call for a vote to overrule him anyway.

Also, past impeachment trial rules, such as those for President Bill Clinton in 1999, give the chief justice the ability to defer making a ruling on his own and instead put a question to a Senate vote.

"All he has to do is look straight at the senators and say, 'What do you think, boys and girls?'" said Frank O. Bowman III, a law professor at the University of Missouri and author of "High Crimes & Misdemeanors: A History of Impeachment for the Age of Trump."

"I think there's substantial likelihood that in any matter of any probable consequence, he'll do that," Bowman said.

House impeachment managers who present the case, along with Democratic senators, are almost certain to raise issues that will put Roberts in a tough spot if he were to rule. For example, Democrats are calling for the Senate to hear testimony from former national security adviser John Bolton and other Trump administration officials, while Republicans are not interested in allowing that.

That highlights the potential pitfalls for Roberts, a George W. Bush appointee whose instincts as chief justice have been to try to keep the Supreme Court from appearing political or stepping into the role of the political branches. A ruling that sided with Democrats would risk eroding Roberts' reputation among conservatives, and could be overruled by the Republican majority. A ruling that sided with Republicans would invite criticism that it was politically motivated.

That makes the third path an attractive option: Just stay out of the way and punt the contentious questions to the politicians. In that way, Roberts might be wearing a robe, but his role will be different from a trial judge who is overseeing a criminal case.

In a criminal case, there is an extensive history of legal decisions that guide a judge to decide whether a witness could testify or not, Bowman said. In an impeachment trial, "the problem is there isn't any" such history for Roberts to apply. The Constitution states only that the chief justice shall preside "when the President of the United States is tried," but gives the Senate "sole power" to try all impeachments.

The senators themselves somewhat take on the role of the judge in an impeachment trial, something underscored by a ruling that then-Chief Justice William Rehnquist made during Clinton's five-week impeachment trial.

At one point, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, had made a motion that House impeachment managers who were presenting their case against Clinton should not refer to the senators as "jurors," as Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, wrote Tuesday in an op-ed published by Fox News. Rehnquist decided "that the Senate is not simply a jury; it is a court in this case," and there were no objections, Lee wrote.

"By its very nature, the Senate's role in the impeachment process clearly indicates that senators are not passive observers of the trial," Lee wrote, citing how senators decide the evidence that should be heard, how it should be presented and what witnesses to call or not.

"They can even override the presiding officer, who in the case of a presidential impeachment is the chief justice," Lee wrote. "No jury can do that."

That turned out to be one of the more memorable rulings Rehnquist made during the five-week Clinton trial, when he otherwise had little substantive role. Rehnquist would later tell television interviewer Charlie Rose that "I did nothing in particular, and I did it very well" – a line from a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta that made it into the chief justice's New York Times obituary.

In the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, then-Chief Justice Salmon Chase had to rule on motions and issues about live witnesses and more, Bowman said. Chase would often say something like, "it would appear to me under the standing rule that would be out of order," but then would automatically turn to senators and invite a contrary view and potential Senate vote, Bowman said.

The most extraordinary power that Roberts may wield during the impeachment trial would be in the event of a tie vote on a procedural question or appeal.

Because the chief justice is the presiding officer for the purposes of presidential impeachments, Chase believed he had the authority to cast tiebreaking votes (as the vice president would during normal Senate business). In at least one case, Chase actually broke a tie on a procedural vote. Sen. Charles Sumner of Massachusetts made a motion that Chase's tiebreaking vote was "without authority under the Constitution of the United States," but the motion failed.

There are other potential situations that could put Roberts in the hot seat.

Ross Garber, who teaches political investigations and impeachment at Tulane Law School, brought up a possibility related to potential Bolton testimony. If the Senate subpoenaed Bolton, and if he showed up, and if Trump's lawyers tried to block answers based on the president's executive privilege, the trial could raise questions for Roberts about the scope and extent of executive privilege that could have lasting implications for the future of congressional oversight, Garber said.

Roberts would not be inclined to make such sweeping rulings himself. And Republicans don't appear inclined to let Roberts take control of the Senate process.

"The chief justice is not the judge. He's the presiding officer. There are no standards of proof. There are no rules of evidence," Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., a former law professor, said last month on CNN. "And every senator, unless we pass a new rule by 51 votes in the Senate, is entitled to approach it his own way."

Miss. moms question state as they bury slain inmates

By JEFF AMY and STACEY P. JENKINS
Associated Press

Rogelio V. Solis / AP

Employees leave the front gate of the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss. in 2010.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Manslaughter isn't supposed to be a death sentence. Nor is burglary. Nor is armed robbery, selling cocaine or stealing a vehicle.

But that is what the mothers of three inmates say was ultimately given to their sons, all of whom were killed in prison violence last week. As they plan their children's funerals, they are demanding answers. They want to know what happened, and why.

All three prisoners were slain by fellow inmates at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman last week. Two other inmates were killed in prisons elsewhere in the state. The outbreak of violence has brought national attention to problems that have long plagued Mississippi's overstretched prison system.

The mothers were told by their sons' fellow inmates that their deaths were gruesome.

"He was beat. He was stabbed. His chest, stomach. ... He has, well, he had, a lot of bruises and things on him," says Jeffrie Holliman of Hattiesburg, mother of 32-year-old Roosevelt Holliman, who died Jan. 2.

Rotonia Gates, the mother of Walter "Keon" Gates, says she's been told not to look at the body of her 25-year-old son after he was repeatedly stabbed on Dec. 31. But she says inmates with contraband cellphones sent her graphic pictures and descriptions of what happened.

"All the information I've gotten has come from inside," says Gates, a Southaven resident.

Denorris Howell's body was so covered in blood that Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton initially announced he had been stabbed on Friday, but later revised that to say he'd suffered a different kind of neck wound.

Relatives of all three inmates say they have few answers from prison officials , and they question whether guards acted properly.

"They're not releasing any information," Rotonia Gates says. "It seems like they're trying to hide something."

The Mississippi Department of Corrections has provided few answers to repeated questions from The Associated Press about the cause and manner of the prisoners' deaths and how the department has responded.

"I have no information to add to your story or stories," spokeswoman Grace Simmons Fisher said in an email Wednesday. "Thank you for asking."

Advocacy groups have asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate. They have criticized state lawmakers and officials for writing laws that they say have resulted in Mississippi having the third-highest incarceration rate in the U.S.

Prison officials themselves say they have only had enough money to fill half of available guard posts, and they say the pay is far too low. The starting salary for guards is $25,650.

Gates was the first to die at Parchman. Rotonia Gates says Keon was her "knee baby," the second-youngest of her five children. She describes a smart child who got into trouble if teachers didn't push him in school.

Eventually, that mischief led to worse trouble : burglarizing houses. But Rotonia Gates says she had hope that her son was ready to change his ways and was encouraged by her interactions with him when he was paroled. The parole turned out to be a mistake, however, and Walter Gates was taken back to prison. He was expected to be paroled again this spring.

Gates says she doesn't know if her son was a gang member, and bristles at prison officials attributing his death to gang violence. But she knows conditions at the prison were bad. She says her son didn't have a mattress to sleep on and got sick because rain poured into the prison.

Roosevelt Holliman's sister, Theresa Holliman, says photos taken on cellphones obtained illegally by the prisoners show rats crawling over some of them.

"You just see them laying on the ground, basically worse than animals," she says.

She says she also was told that some of the inmates had no heat.

In July, prison officials asked the state for more than $22 million to reroof and renovate a 1,400-bed complex known as Unit 29, writing in a budget request that it had "deteriorated to a point that it is no longer safe for staff or inmates."

Gates and Wilkins both say their sons had pleaded for help or transfers to safer spaces before they died in the violence. Wilkins says Howell talked to her hours before his death.

"He was telling me , 'Mom, get us some help, I'm fearing for my life, I'm fearing for my life. I need help now. Please get someone,'" Wilkins says.

Evan Vucci / AP

President Donald Trump addresses the nation from the White House on the ballistic missile strike that Iran launched against Iraqi air bases housing U.S. troops, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, Vice President Mike Pence, and others look on.

U.S., Iran step back from the brink; region still on edge

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. and Iran stepped back from the brink of possible war on Wednesday as President Donald Trump signaled he would not retaliate militarily for Iran's missile strikes on Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops. No one was harmed in the strikes, but U.S. forces in the region remained on high alert.

Speaking from the White House, Trump seemed intent on deescalating the crisis, which spiraled after he authorized the targeted killing last week of Iran's top general, Qassem Soleimani. Iran responded overnight with its most direct assault on America since the 1979 seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, firing more than a dozen missiles at two installations in Iraq. The Pentagon said Wednesday that it believed Iran fired with the intent to kill.

Even so, Trump's takeaway was that "Iran appears to be standing down, which is a good thing for all parties concerned and a very good thing for the world."

Despite such conciliatory talk, the region remained on edge, and American troops including a quick-reaction force dispatched over the weekend, were on high alert. Last week Iranian-backed militia besieged the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, and Tehran's proxies in the region remain able to carry out attacks such as the one on Dec. 27 that killed a U.S. contractor and set off the most recent round of hostilities.

Hours after Trump spoke, an 'incoming' siren went off in Baghdad's Green Zone after what seemed to be small rockets "impacted" the diplomatic area, a Western official said. There were no reports of casualties

There is no obvious path to diplomatic engagement, as Trump pledged to add to his "maximum pressure" campaign of economic sanctions. He said the new, unspecified sanctions would remain in place "until Iran changes its behavior."

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the overnight strike was not necessarily the totality of Iran's response.

"Last night they received a slap," Khamenei said. "These military actions are not sufficient (for revenge). What is important is that the corrupt presence of America in this region comes to an end."

Trump, facing perhaps the biggest test of his presidency, credited the minimized damage to an early warning system "that worked very well" and said Americans should be "extremely grateful and happy" with the outcome.

The strikes had pushed Tehran and Washington perilously close to all-out conflict and left the world waiting to see whether the American president would respond with more military force. Trump, in his nine-minute, televised address, spoke of a robust U.S. military with missiles that are "big, powerful, accurate, lethal and fast." But then he added: "We do not want to use it."

Iran for days had been promising to respond forcefully to Soleimani's killing, but its limited strike on two bases – one in the northern Iraqi city in Irbil and the other at Ain al-Asad in western Iraq – appeared to signal that it, too, was uninterested in a wider clash with the U.S. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeted that the country had "concluded proportionate measures in self-defense."

Trump, who is facing reelection in November, campaigned for president on a promise to extract the United States from "endless wars."

On Wednesday, he said the United States was "ready to embrace peace with all who seek it." That marked a sharp change in tone from his warning a day earlier that "if Iran does anything that they shouldn't be doing, they're going to be suffering the consequences, and very strongly."

Members of Congress were briefed on the Iran situation Wednesday afternoon in closed-door sessions on Capitol Hill, where Democrats and some Republicans expressed dissatisfaction with the administration's justifications for the drone strike on Soleimani.

Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah said it was "probably the worst briefing I've seen, at least on a military issue, in the nine years I've served in the United States Senate." He said it was "distressing" that officials suggested it would only embolden Iran if lawmakers debated the merits of further military action. He and Sen. Rand Paul announced their support of a largely symbolic war powers resolution to limit Trump's military action regarding Iran.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced after the briefing that the House would vote Thursday on a war powers resolution of its own.

Trump opened his remarks at the White House by reiterating his promise that "Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon." Iran had announced in the wake of Soleimani's killing that it would no longer comply with any of the limits on uranium enrichment in the 2015 nuclear deal crafted to keep it from building a nuclear device.

The president, who had earlier pulled the U.S. out of the deal, seized on the moment of calm to call for negotiations toward a new agreement that would do more to limit Iran's ballistic missile programs and constrain regional proxy campaigns like those led by Soleimani.

Trump also announced he would ask NATO to become "much more involved in the Middle East process." While he has frequently criticized NATO as obsolete and has encouraged participants to increase their military spending, Trump has tried to push the military alliance to refocus its efforts on modern threats.

Like the U.S. troops in the region, NATO forces have temporarily halted their training of Iraqi forces and their work to combat the Islamic State.

Soleimani's death last week in an American drone strike in Baghdad prompted angry calls for vengeance and drew massive crowds of Iranians to the streets to mourn him. Khamenei himself wept at the funeral in a sign of his bond with the commander.

Iranians fired a total of 16 missiles in the latest strikes, Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Wednesday. Eleven hit the Ain al-Asad air base in Iraq's western Anbar province and one targeted a base in Irbil in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region. The missiles were described as likely short-range with 1,000 to 2,000 pound warheads. Four failed to detonate, they said.

Democrats seek more details on what led Trump strike on Iran

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration made its case on Capitol Hill for killing a powerful Iranian general, but Democrats said Wednesday's classified briefings were short on details and left them wondering about the president's next steps in the volatile Mideast.

Democrats said that by not disclosing many details of the threat that prompted the U.S. to kill Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, President Donald Trump is asking the American public to trust the very intelligence reports he has often disparaged.

Top Trump administration officials have repeatedly stressed that the undisclosed intelligence about imminent threats to Americans in the Mideast required action – that the president would have been negligent not to strike Iran. But Democrats want more information about what led Trump to kill Soleimani – a man whose hands were "drenched in both American and Iranian blood," according to Trump.

"Trust us. That's really what it all boils down to," Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said after a classified briefing top administration officials gave members of the House.

"But I'm not sure that 'trust me' is a satisfactory answer for me," Engel said.

In contrast, Sen. Jim Risch, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called the Senate's meeting "one of the best briefings" he's had as a member of Congress. He said the information was "crystal clear."

Some Republicans joined Democrats in criticizing the administration's presentations.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, said it was "probably the worst briefing I've seen, at least on a military issue, in the nine years I've served in the United States Senate."

He said he found it "insulting and demeaning" for administration briefers to warn lawmakers against debating the merits of further military action against Iran because that would only embolden Tehran.

"It is not acceptable for officials within the executive branch of government ... to come in and tell us that we can't debate and discuss the appropriateness of military intervention against Iran. It's un-American, it's unconstitutional, and it's wrong," Lee said, adding that he now planned to support a war powers resolution introduced by Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.

The House is expected to vote this week on a similar resolution to limit Trump's military actions regarding Iran. It reasserts Congress's long-established oversight responsibilities by mandating that if no further congressional action is taken, the administration's military hostilities with regard to Iran cease within 30 days.

Democrats also are skeptical of the timing of the strike, which comes in the run-up to a Senate impeachment trial and at the start of a presidential election year. It's the same skepticism that some Republicans expressed in 1998 when they accused President Bill Clinton of using military strikes on Iraq to interrupt and delay a pending impeachment resolution against him.

A top defender of the president, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said afterward that "there's no question" the killing was justified.

Asked if she was convinced by the briefing that Iranian attacks were imminent before the Soleimani strike, Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., said, "Yes. My questions were answered and satisfied."

Democrats weren't convinced.

"There were so many important questions that they did not answer," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

At least 63 Canadians dead in Iran plane crash

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau vowed his government will get answers after a Ukrainian passenger jet crashed, killing at least 63 Canadians, just minutes after taking off from Iran's capital.

TRUDEAU

Trudeau said Wednesday 138 passengers on the flight were connecting to Canada. The flight included many international students who were studying at universities across Canada. Newlyweds and a Canadian family of four were also on the flight.

Trudeau said his government is reaching out to his international counterparts. Getting answers from Iran might prove difficult as Canada closed its embassy in Iran in 2012 and suspended diplomatic relations. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States is calling for cooperation with any investigation into the cause of the crash.

The crash of the Ukraine International Airlines plane came hours after Iran launched a ballistic missile attack on Iraqi bases housing U.S. soldiers, but Iranian officials said they suspected a mechanical issue brought down the 3½-year-old Boeing 737-800 aircraft. Ukrainian officials initially agreed, but later backed away and declined to offer a cause while the investigation is ongoing.

"There is a clear need for answers," Trudeau said. "Canada is very concerned on this."

Trudeau said he spoke with U.S. President Donald Trump earlier Wednesday.

Asked if he could say whether the plane was shot down or not, Trudeau said: "I cannot. It's too early to speculate."

Trudeau said Canadian victims' families want and deserve answers.

"Know that all Canadians are grieving with you," Trudeau said.

Transport Minister Marc Garneau said he could not speculate but said soon after the departure of the plane contact was lost. He said the black box information is needed.

Authorities said they found the plane's so-called black boxes, which record cockpit conversations and instrument data. But it was not immediately clear how much access to the information the Iranians would allow.

Canada is offering technical assistance to the upcoming investigation in Iran. Canada's Transportation Safety Board said it has appointed an expert to monitor the progress which is being led by Iran's civil aviation organization.

Aviation experts were skeptical about Iran's initial claim that the plane was brought down by a mechanical problem.

"Something unusual happened," Garneau said.

The plane carried 167 passengers and nine crew members from different nations. The Canadian flag on Parliament Hill was lowered to half-mast. The U.S. embassy in Ottawa also lowered its flag.

Canadian Foreign Minister François-Philippe Champagne confirmed at least 63 Canadians died and as more information becomes available, including details on dual citizens, the number of deceased Canadians could change.

It's one of the worst losses of life for Canadians in an aviation disaster. In 1985 a bomb exploded and killed 329 people aboard an Air India flight. Air India Flight 182 from Montreal to New Delhi exploded over the Atlantic Ocean near Great Britain on June 23, 1985. Most of the victims were Canadian.

The Tehran to Toronto route via Kyiv is an affordable route for Iranian Canadians and international students. There are no direct flights.

Younes Zangiabadi, a board member of the Iranian Canadian Congress, said because of U.S. sanctions, there are many options for Iranian-Canadians to travel to Iran.

Payman Paseyan, a member of the Iranian-Canadian community in Edmonton, Alberta, said about 27 people from Edmonton, a family of four that he knew, were on the flight. Two professors from the University of Alberta, Pedram Mousavibafrooei and Mojgan Daneshmand, and their daughters Daria and Dorina died. He said he often would go to the gym with the father and described him as a nice guy who often visited his former restaurant with his family. "It's just terrible," he said.

He said most of victims were visiting family in Iran over the holidays and that many were dual citizens and many were international students. "One of the reasons why you take that flight is you wouldn't want to take a flight that has a connection in the United States because international students can't do that," he said.

Paseyan said members of the Iranian-Canadian community learned of the crash while being glued to the news after Tuesday's missile attacks in Iraq.

He said there are questions about what caused the crash but said that's not the focus right now.

"Whether it's a missile, mishap or a technical issue or whatever, we want our community members. We lost one percent of our Edmonton Iranian community members on that flight. It's just terrible," he said.

Many international students were confirmed among the crash victims – four from Western University, three from the University of Ottawa, and two from the University of Guelph. The University of Toronto said several of their students died.

The University of Guelph in Canada said Ghanimat Azhdari was a student in the department of geography and Milad Ghasemi was a student in marketing.

Western University said three current graduate students died and one was an incoming graduate student. They did not name the students. The University of Waterloo also said two PhD students' names were on a list of passengers provided by the airline.

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The Canadian flag flies at half-staff above the Parliament Hill Peace Tower flag in Ottawa on Wednesday. Sixty-three Canadians were killed when a Boeing 737-800 jet crashed early Wednesday in Iran.

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Trump is following his gut on Iran

Jonah Goldberg

President Trump often talks about leaving the Middle East, getting out of "endless wars" and spending our resources here at home under a policy of "America First."

So it was quite a moment when, on Sunday night, he threatened to impose "very big sanctions" on Iraq if the Iraqi parliament follows through on its nonbinding resolution to oust American forces from its soil. "We will charge them sanctions like they've never seen before, ever," Trump said. "It'll make Iranian sanctions look somewhat tame."

If you're trying to follow along from home, this is a perfectly understandable moment to say, "Wait, what? Isn't that a complete flip?"

The key word here is "moment." That's where Trump lives: in the moment. You wouldn't think Don from Queens could be so zen, but it is what it is. He consistently says he wants to extricate the U.S. from Mideast conflicts. Except for all the times he doesn't. With each about-face, his defenders and detractors rush to debate the theory behind the policy change, when there is none.

We should be used to it by now. Trump has told us time and time again: He leads with his gut, listens to his instincts, keeps people guessing and goes with the flow. "I prefer to come to work each day and just see what develops," he says in his ghostwritten autobiography "The Art of the Deal."

To expect intellectual consistency from Trump is like expecting a dog to meow. It's not in his nature.

Trump has made it clear he doesn't care for extensive preparation or briefing papers. He likes to go into summits unencumbered by such things, relying instead on his ability to read the room. ("It's worse than you can imagine," former economic adviser Gary Cohn has said. "Trump won't read anything – not one-page memos, not the brief policy papers, nothing.")

When Trump announced he was pulling U.S. troops out of Syria last fall, there was no policy development behind it, according to sources familiar with the event. He had a phone conversation with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and made the decision on the fly. Erdogan told Trump that he had to make way for Turkish troops because NATO allies cannot fight each other.

Aides and advisers were appalled but couldn't convince Trump to reverse course – until they told him about some oil wells we'd be leaving behind. Having talked for years about "taking the oil" as recompense for Middle East military interventions, he changed course again. Had he read his briefing papers, he'd have known about the marginally significant oil wells already. He'd also have known we didn't have to do Erdogan's bidding.

But that's how Trump governs, from one moment to another, responding to stimuli from conversations, TV shows and his own mood. (In a deposition years ago, he admitted that his estimate of his net worth changes with how he feels about himself on any given day.)

It's the difference between long-term investing and day trading. Most presidents try to follow a consistent line of policy, philosophy or both. Trump is a man of dots – scattershot moments connected only by Trump's authorship of them. He has a few core convictions ("tariffs are good," "get the oil," etc.), a love of praise and a desire to collect disparate "wins" he can use as talking points. Thus, you can be sure he will simultaneously campaign on pulling troops out of the Middle East and sending them in, in the same way he boasts about lowering trade barriers and raising them. Consistency is in the eye of the beholder, not the man.

This leaves observers, at home and abroad, to connect the dots on their own. His fans see three-dimensional chess, or, when that won't fly, they see the "real" Trump being manipulated by sinister forces. His most ardent foes see, well ... lots of different things. The Iranians, for example, made the mistake of believing Trump's rhetoric about getting out of the Middle East and its endless wars.

Over the last six months, Iran committed one outrageous and provocative act after another, and the Trump administration did little in response, because the Magic 8-ball that is Trump's gut said, "Ask Again Later." Then, suddenly, the president changed his mind and seized a new moment, opting for a massive escalation by killing Qassem Suleimani, Iran's most important general. Trump's reasoning might have been, as the White House alleges, to avert imminent threats. Or it might have been because he wanted to change media coverage, or influence the impeachment process, or because he had bad clams for lunch.

Until we find know more about how Iran responds – and how Trump responds to that response – the wisdom of his decision depends entirely on which dots you connect from his presidency so far. But for Trump, it was just another moment.

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ANOTHER OPINION

A true Senate impeachment trial must commence

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's excuses to avoid a real impeachment trial with witnesses and documents collapse daily. The latest shoe to drop: Former National Security Adviser John Bolton released a statement Tuesday saying that "if the Senate issues a subpoena for my testimony, I am prepared to testify."

Bolton had been hiding behind a lawsuit filed by his NSC deputy Charles Kupperman asking a court to decide whether he should legally honor a House impeachment inquiry subpoena or a conflicting White House assertion of executive privilege. Refusing to allow impeachment to drag through the courts for months, House Democrats withdrew their subpoena, allowing Federal Judge Richard Leon last week to declare Kupperman's case moot.

There is now no reason why the U.S. Senate can rightly avoid hearing from a willing witness with extensive, first-hand knowledge of allegedly impeachable acts by President Trump. According to testimony already given in the House, Bolton instructed his former subordinates to tell the NSC legal counsel that he wanted no part of the Rudy Giuliani-Gordon Sondland "drug deal" to hold back desperately needed congressionally authorized military aid until Ukraine announced investigations into Joe Biden and the hacked 2016 DNC server.

Did Trump directly relate to Bolton that he wanted those political deliverables in exchange for releasing the aid? Did he say anything exculpatory to Bolton? Either way, the Senate and the nation need to hear from him.

No more fence-sitting, Mitt Romney and other hemming and hawing Republican senators. No more excuses, Mitch.

– New York Daily News

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Klobuchar offers a return to normalcy

"My best judgment of America's need is to steady down, to get squarely on our feet, to make sure of the right path. ... Let us stop to consider that tranquility at home is more precious than peace abroad, and that both our good fortune and our eminence are dependent on the normal forward stride of all the American people."

– Warren G. Harding, 1920

Steve Chapman

In the presidential election that took place 100 years ago, the winning candidate ran on a slogan that might have been soporific: "Return to normalcy." But for a country that had experienced the traumas of World War I, labor strife, a Red Scare and race riots, it promised a welcome respite. Harding got 60 percent of the popular vote.

Americans often gravitate to the opposite of what they have. Harding was nothing like his predecessor, Woodrow Wilson, whose visionary ambitions included remaking the entire world order. George W. Bush promised to "restore honor and dignity to the White House," an allusion to Bill Clinton's lechery. Barack Obama, a former law school professor with a gift for inspiring oratory, was a departure from the folksy, inarticulate scion of a famous Texas political family.

Donald Trump, a thin-skinned narcissist with the vocabulary and impulse control of a 10-year-old, could hardly be more different from Obama. If Americans are weary of the turmoil that Trump has made the organizing principle of his presidency, they may be looking for a president they can occasionally forget about.

In that case, Democratic voters would do well to take a long look at Amy Klobuchar, whose restrained policies and unflappable manner are dull only in the best sense of the word. The qualities that make it hard for her to stand out in a crowded debate might endear her to anyone suffering from a four-year spell of jangled nerves.

Klobuchar is in her third term as a senator, and as Democratic members go, she leans toward the center. The website GovTrack reported that in 2018, 33 of the 47 Democratic senators were more liberal than she is.

She favors expansion of health insurance coverage but opposes "Medicare for All." She has proposed to make community college tuition-free but says bluntly, "I am not for free four-year college for all."

Klobuchar a former county prosecutor who had the support of the police union but also won praise from the Innocence Project for pushing to videotape interrogations and reform eyewitness identification procedures. Her views on military action abroad – for leaving Afghanistan, but also for creating a no-fly zone in Syria – are down the middle.

In her 2018 race, she carried 42 counties that had gone for Trump. She's well-positioned to appeal to the 35 percent of Americans who call themselves moderates.

The same can't be said of her chief rivals. Bernie Sanders is at the far the left edge of the Democratic Party, proudly identifying himself as a socialist – a label that is a deal breaker for many Americans.

Elizabeth Warren insists she is "a capitalist to my bones," but the website Progressive Punch gives her a lifetime score higher than Sanders'. Her spending plans, PolitiFact reports, would cost $7 trillion over a decade – not counting "Medicare for All," which would probably exceed $30 trillion.

Like Sanders, she promises major changes, and she uses the word "fight" in every other sentence. But drastic measures and militant rhetoric are not the ideal prescription for an electorate depleted by the incumbent's extreme policies and nasty tweets.

Joe Biden is the most popular centrist so far, but he's dangerously prone to verbal gaffes. More worrisome is that come Inauguration Day, he'll be 78 years old. Trump, the oldest person ever to become president, was a mere 70.

One rival for the middle Democratic lane is Pete Buttigieg, 37, who would be the youngest president ever – and one of the least experienced. Then there is his sexual orientation. A Morning Consult/Politico poll found that only 26 percent of Americans think their neighbors are ready for a gay president.

Klobuchar would be the first female president, but Hillary Clinton already proved that a woman can win the popular vote. Klobuchar's virtues are precisely the ones that Trump utterly lacks.

Anyone who wants four more years of needless bedlam in the White House will vote to keep the clown car. Klobuchar is the Honda Accord of the field: reliable, practical, affordable – and unlikely to drive you into a ditch.

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Obama's Iran policy was the problem

Ben Shapiro

Last week, President Donald Trump launched a global round of teeth gnashing when he ordered the killing of the greatest terrorist leader in the modern Middle East, Iranian Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani. Soleimani was unquestionably responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Americans in Iraq and thousands of others throughout the Middle East – mostly Muslim. His global terror network ran from South America to Europe to Africa to Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Iraq. Soleimani was an unparalleled organizer and a pitiless murderer. His death was richly earned.

But for many in the media and on the domestic and international left, Trump's action was precipitously "provocative." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Soleimani's killing – which came directly after a Soleimani-approved terror assault on America's embassy in Baghdad and amidst reported further plans for escalated terror against American targets – "disproportionate." Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., suggested that Trump, not the Iranians, had "escalated" the situation. Former Vice President Joe Biden said that Trump had "just tossed a stick of dynamite into a tinderbox."

This reaction has been magnified by the media, many of whom have been speculating about the possibility of all-out war between the United States and Iran. Think pieces have been written about whether the United States will reactivate the draft (spoiler alert: No, we won't). Musings have filled the newspapers about the supposed conflagration prompted not by Iranian evil but by Trumpian reactivity.

All of this smacks less of legitimate concern about what comes next than it does of sheer panic that Trump has overturned a decade of American and European appeasement of the Iranian regime. Ben Rhodes, former President Obama's deputy national security adviser, architect of the Iran deal and an overt liar who told the American public that Iran was on its way to moderation if only the United States would loosen economic restrictions on the terror state, has placed blame for volatility squarely before Trump. Susan Rice, Obama's national security adviser during the Iran deal and another overt liar who told the American public that Islamic terror against our Benghazi embassy was rooted in anger over a YouTube video, soberly informed Americans that "Americans would be wise to brace for war." Biden suggested that in throwing out the Iran deal, Trump had paved the way for war – and, oh, by the way, the Iran deal was "airtight."

This is a deliberate misreading of history designed to absolve the Obama administration of its Iran policy debacle. The administration pursued a policy of strengthening Iran economically – and did so while openly acknowledging that Iran would use that newly gained economic strength to pursue terrorism and ballistic missile testing. In speaking of the sanctions relief given to Iran, then-Secretary of State John Kerry explained in January 2016, "I think that some of it will end up in the hands of the IRGC or other entities, some of which are labeled terrorists."

That's precisely what happened. In March 2016, then-U.S. Central Command nominee Army Gen. Joseph Votel said that Iran had become "more aggressive" since the advent of the nuclear deal. Indeed, Iran has built up Hezbollah in Lebanon, propped up Bashar Assad in Syria, increased its presence in Iraq and bolstered its war in Yemen. In the past few months, Iran and its proxies have attacked shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, Saudi oil facilities, an American drone and an American embassy, among other targets. All of this occurred while the Trump administration did little or nothing in response.

Then Trump ordered the killing of Soleimani. Suddenly, we have been informed by dishonest Democrats and their media allies, Iran has gone rogue.

Nonsense. Iran has been rogue for decades. The Iran deal was simply an attempt to whistle past the graveyard with the terror regime – to pay it off long enough so that President Barack Obama could declare the problem handled. This was, after all, the Obama strategy in Crimea and Syria: Declare a red line; run away from it; pretend that pusillanimous inaction is bravery and deterrence provocation.

Trump thought differently. Now Iran has come face to face with the prospect that actions have consequences – and those consequences don't involve pallets of cash being shipped over to fund terror organizations that span the globe.

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OBITS

Robert 'Bob' J. Latus

Robert "Bob" J. Latus, 81, lifelong resident of Hartford was born Feb. 10, 1938, at his family home at 208 East Main Street. Bob left his earthly home suddenly on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

He was the sixth child of the late Dr. Leo and Rosaline Boland Latus. Preceding him in death are siblings: Mary Ellen Learner, Leo J. "Bud" Latus, Frances Del Pizzo, Dr. Thomas Latus and Peter Latus; and son-in-law, Larry Kesselring.

Bob is survived by wife, Elizabeth "Bette" Carol Roberts; and their children: Audrey (John) Klug, DeAnna Kesselring, George (Linda) Latus, Jonathan (Pam) Latus, Matthew (Tammi) Latus and Pamela Latus. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren: Melissa, Robert, Phillip, Taylor, Jason, Jill, Trevor, Christin, Carson, Jaxom, Tanner, Delenn, Emelia, Chandler, Catherine and Daniel; 11 great-grandchildren: Kira, Millie, Ashlyn, Owen, Henry, Zoey, Wyatt, Adalynn, Blake, Penelope and Logan; his sister, Alice (Clarence) Hill; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Latus and Lois Latus; and many loving nieces, nephews and others who shared his life.

Bob served in the U.S. Army Reserves for nine years, where he specialized in food service. He was formerly employed by the U.S. Postal Service, where he retired after 35 years in 1993 as postmaster of Paw Paw. He was a member of the Hartford Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years and was an EMT. Bob and his brother Bud loved running the scoreboard and clock for 35 years at the Hartford football games. Bob served on many community service projects. He loved promoting the history of Hartford to anyone who would listen.

Bob was a lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. A Rosary service will be held there at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10. A visitation will follow at 6 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hartford Public Library in the name of Robert J. Latus. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for his family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Daniel Arthur Baker

Daniel Arthur Baker was born Jan. 15, 1957, in Watervliet, the son of Arthur and Grace (Vermillion) Baker, both of whom precede him in passing.

Danny, as he was known by everyone, passed away suddenly at the age of 62 on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet.

On June 29, 2012, Danny was united in marriage to Pamela Davis, and she survives; along with a sister, Diana Gregory of Hartford; a brother, Kenny Baker of Hartford; and numerous other family members and friends.

Danny was formerly employed at LADD Assisted Living in Dowagiac and was a professional painter and landscaper. In his spare time, you would find him either fishing or hunting; and if not there, he would be working in his back yard. He especially loved the time spent with his wife and friends.

In holding with Danny's wishes, cremation has taken place and at this time no services are planned. If you would like to give a donation in Danny's name, please do so with St. Jude Children's Hospital or the American Cancer Society. Those wishing to leave a condolence for the family may do so on our web site at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Marie (Arth) Dahn

DAHN

Marie (Arth) Dahn, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at St. John's Catholic Church, 600 Columbus Ave., Benton Harbor, with Fr. James Adams officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Friends may visit from 4-6 p.m., with prayers recited at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Marie was born Jan. 21, 1927, to Anna and Aloyse Arth, in a small village named Redange, in the Province Alsace Lorraine, France. This French village was located on the border of Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Marie was able to speak in four languages, including German, French, the Luxembourg dialect and English.

During World War II, their area fell under German occupation. After four years of occupation, they were liberated by the American army. In the winter of 1944, Marie's family housed two American soldiers, one of whom was Ralph Dahn. They married Sept. 12, 1945. She left France by ship to New York, then train and bus to Benton Harbor. Her long journey was shared by others from France, one of which was Yvonne, who was a lifetime friend, along with other French ladies from our community.

Marie and Ralph were happily married for nearly 50 years before his passing in July 1995. They raised five children, four daughters and one son, which kept her very busy, along with several jobs, including 25 years as a waitress for Win Schuler's in Stevensville.

Marie was gifted artistically as well as a fabulous chef in the kitchen, including hosting large dinners for her family and friends and desserts that were European inspired. We could gauge the season in southwestern Michigan by her pies, beginning with strawberry-rhubarb in the spring and finishing with apple pies in the fall.

Her talent with crafts was endless, including sewing, knitting, crocheting and pressed flowers. Her love for gardening and flowers kept her young and energetic.

Marie is survived by her children: Suzanne (Tex) Burrows of Temple, Texas, Jeanette O'Brien of Bolingbrook, Ill., Patrice Schroeder and Mark (Karen) Dahn, all from St. Joseph; as well as 10 grandchildren: Jennifer Smedsrud and Mary Peters, Jeremy O'Brien and Michele Meyer, Allison Nelson and Craig Griffith, Scott and Bradley Schroeder and Steven Dahn and Sarah Noskey; along with 10 great-grandchildren, including Daisy Marie Dahn, 2 weeks old, whom she met on Jan. 6.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; her sisters, Elisabeth and Catherine; younger brother, Xavier; and daughter, Denise Griffith.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the ALS Association in memory of her daughter, Denise, or to the SS John and Bernard Parish. Those wishing to sign Marie's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Keri Cecile Moran

Keri Cecile Moran, 48, of La Porte, Ind., passed away unexpectedly at 8:10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at La Porte Hospital.

MORAN

She was born June 28, 1971, in Chicago, to Cornelius Murray Anthony and Judith Bernadette (Boleski) Moran.

Keri was a loving mom who dedicated her life to her children. She was a perennial caretaker who was always there for others. Keri had an expansive network of family and friends who loved and deeply cared for her. She never met a stranger, having conversations with everyone she met. Keri worked as restaurant manager and bartender for Portofino Grill, La Porte, for 15 years. Keri enjoyed traveling, reading, gardening, cooking, the sunshine and spending time at the beach. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Keri's family and friends are deeply saddened by her passing and will miss her immensely.

Surviving are her parents, Neal and Judy Moran of Watervliet; three children, Riley Maniscalco (age 25) and Jared Maniscalco (age 21), both of New Buffalo, and Alaina Maniscalco (age 18) of East Lansing, Mich.; five siblings: Christine (Tom) McCarthy of Lisle, Ill., Kathy (Craig) Palmquist of Mooseheart, Ill., Kevin Moran of Lisle, Kelly (David) Downey of Kalamazoo and Heather (Darrin) McGee of Benton Harbor; significant partner, Thomas Robinson of La Porte; eight nieces and nephews: Ethan Palmquist, Nathaniel Whittington, Kelsey Palmquist, Caeligh McCarthy, Bridget McCarthy, Declan Palmquist, Justin Downey and Margaret Downey; and numerous friends.

A funeral celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. (C.S.T.) Saturday, Jan. 11, at Lakeview Funeral Home & Crematory, 247 W. Johnson Road, La Porte, (219) 362-3100, with Pastor James Bouslog officiating. Viewing and visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. (C.S.T.) Friday, Jan. 10, and from noon until time of service Saturday, Jan. 11, at the funeral home.

Please send condolences to the family at www.LakeviewFHC.com. Memorial contributions may be directed to her children, Riley, Jared and Alaina Maniscalco, in care of Lakeview Funeral Home & Crematory, 247 W. Johnson Road, La Porte, IN 46350.

Velma Delphine Boettcher Skelley

Velma Delphine Boettcher Skelley of St. Joseph died peacefully at her home in Dowagiac on Jan. 7, 2020.

SKELLEY

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, with Pastor Scott Paul-Bonham officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Caring Circle Hospice, the Good Fellow Fund or the Berrien County Association of Churches Street Ministries. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-mechinger.com.

Velma was born in Anamoose, N.D., on July 5, 1933. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1951, attended Western Michigan College and graduated from Michigan State University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Velma taught second grade in the Warren, Mich., and Benton Harbor school districts. Beginning in 1973, Berrien Hills Country Club became her "home." Originally hired as the hostess, she expanded that position to banquet manager and retired in 2002.

Velma had a rich spiritual life. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Benton Harbor and was actively involved teaching Sunday school and participating in countless church committees until its closure. She then became a member of Fairplain Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school, and later transferred her membership to First Presbyterian Church, Benton Harbor.

Service was always a central part of Velma's life. She was a member of the Twin Cities Exchange Club and Alpha Beta Epsilon. Over the years, she volunteered at Street Ministries of Berrien County Association of Churches, Church Women United, Capstone Family Center, Blossomtime Inc. and the Soup Kitchen. She mentored for Peace Partners and led Girl Scouts troops for a number of years.

Above all, Velma found joy in her lifelong friends and family. She never met a stranger and delighted in sharing stories with anyone and everyone! She also enjoyed her collections of bells, Santa Clauses and John Deere tractors.

Velma's family was the most important part of her life, and she spent as much time as possible with them. She taught her family a number of practical skills, chief among them being how to set a formal dinner table and the proper use of adverbs. She adored her grandchildren and took special pleasure in getting to know her great-grandchildren.

Velma is survived by three daughters, Kim (Jerry) Klinke of Stevensville, Elizabeth (the Rev. Dr. Christopher) Momany of Dowagiac and Patty (Craig) Hopkins of St. Joseph; siblings, Emerson (Joanne) Boettcher, Gordon (Sandra) Boettcher and Sharon (Henry) Schaus; sister-in-law, Claire (Hulbert) Boettcher; 13 grandchildren: Kara (Brandon) Antal, Megan Cushman, Kevin (Annie) Klinke, Christopher Momany, Hannah (Phillip) Cushman Garland, Jake (Catherine) Hopkins, Paige Cushman, Gracie Hopkins and Zach Hopkins; great-grandchildren, Abigail Antal, Cecilia Klinke and Charlie Hopkins; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Birt.

Marceil Louise (Straman) Moore

MOORE

Marceil Louise (Straman) Moore, 90, of Berrien Springs passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, at Woodland Terrace at Longmeadow in Niles.

Marceil was born March 9, 1929, in Lima, Ohio, to Peter and Ellen (Shenk) Straman. She moved to Berrien Springs with her family in 1944 and attended Emmanuel Missionary College Academy, from which she graduated in 1947. Marceil studied prenursing at Emmanuel Missionary College and then entered nurses training at Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Ill. She graduated with a bachelor of science from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1954.

She married Ennis M. Moore on Oct. 10, 1954, in Berrien Springs, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1991.

Marceil worked as a registered nurse for Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph from 1953 to 1974. After her retirement, she served her friends by coordinating a natural food co-op out of her garage. She was a member of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.

Marceil is survived by her sons, Brian (Janeen) of Buchanan, and Barth (Rebecca) of Georgetown, Texas. She also has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Russell Straman of Berrien Springs and George Straman of Lima.

A celebration of life is planned for a later date. Memories and condolences may be left at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations may be made to the Peter and Ellen Straman Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund in care of Andrews University Office of Development.

Calvin Wayne Shirley

Calvin Wayne Shirley, 61, of Pullman passed away suddenly Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, in Hartford Township.

Calvin was born Jan. 4, 1958, in St. Joseph, the son of Trues Jr. and Mary (Hines) Shirley, both of whom precede him in passing. Also preceding him in passing was a sister, Laura Shirley.

Calvin loved watching football, especially his team, the Raiders, but his most important times were spent with family, who will miss him dearly.

Calvin is survived by two sons, Kevin (Amy) Shirley of Pullman and Tim Shirley of Alabama; three granddaughters, Madalyn, Aubrey and Lily Belle; two brothers, Phillip (Cherie) Stillwell and Chet Shirley; and two sisters, Judy (Bruce) Grates and Victoria (Mary) Shannon.

Calvin will be cremated, and private family services will take place. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Marie (Arth) Dahn, 92, died Jan. 7, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Aunnean B. Hearington-Dawley, 50, of Elkhart, Ind., died Jan. 2, 2020, at home. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Evangelene Irving, 77, of Niles died Jan. 8, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Robert "Bob" J. Latus, 81, of Hartford died Jan. 6, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Marceil L. (Straman) Moore, 90, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 1, 2020, at Woodland Terrace at Longmeadow, Niles. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Keri C. Moran, 48, of La Porte, Ind., died Jan. 6, 2020, at La Porte Hospital. Lakeview Funeral Home & Crematory, La Porte, (219) 362-3100.

Arnold Rice, 91, of Battle Creek, Mich., died Jan. 8, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Calvin W. Shirley, 61, of Pullman died Jan. 2, 2020, in Hartford Township. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Cancer group finds biggest one-year drop in U.S. death rate

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — Researchers on Wednesday reported the largest-ever one-year decline in the U.S. cancer death rate, a drop they credited to advances in lung-tumor treatments.

The overall cancer death rate has been falling about 1.5 percent a year since 1991.

It fell 2.2 percent from 2016 to 2017, according to the new American Cancer Society report.

That's the largest drop ever seen in national cancer statistics going back to 1930, said Rebecca Siegel, the lead author.

"It's absolutely driven by lung cancer," which accounts for about a quarter of all cancer deaths, she said. Take lung cancer out of the mix, and the 2017 rate drop is 1.4 percent, she added.

Government researchers previously reported a slightly lower drop in the cancer death rate for the same period.

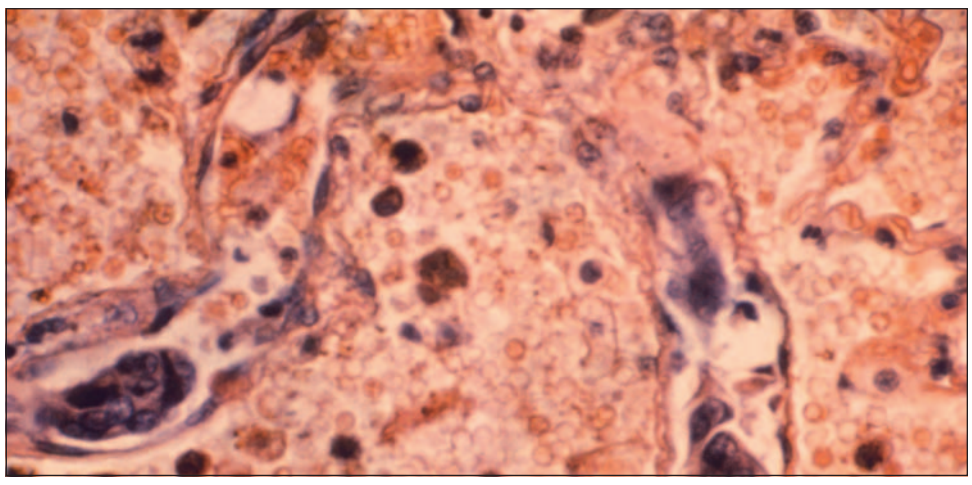
But the Cancer Society calculates the death rate differently, and on Wednesday said the decline was larger – and record-setting.

Most lung cancer cases are tied to smoking, and decades of declining smoking rates led to falling rates of lung cancer illnesses and deaths.

But the drop in deaths seems to have been accelerated by recent lung cancer treatment advances, Siegel said.

Experts mainly credit advances in treatment. Topping the list are refinements in surgery, better diagnostic scanning, and more precise use of radiation.

They also celebrate the impact of newer drugs. Genetic testing can now identify specific cancer cell mutations, which allow more targeted therapy using newer pharmaceuticals that are a step beyond traditional chemotherapy.



Dr. Ellis / Emory University, Department of Pathology / CDC via AP

A lung tissue specimen from a patient with adenocarcinoma of the lung. On Wednesday, researchers reported the largest-ever decline in the U.S. cancer death rate, and they are crediting advances in the treatment of lung tumors. Most lung cancer cases are tied to smoking, and decades of declining smoking rates means lower rates of lung cancer diagnoses and deaths.

Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1995

Vicki Ankrapp, newly arrived director of the Berrien Springs Community Library, is busy settling into her new home and the library. "This is a beautiful library," said the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., native. "I want to continue providing quality service to the community. I love the small town atmosphere in Berrien Springs."

35 years ago – 1985

A gas war has pushed the price for self-serve regular gasoline to below $1 a gallon at two Sawyer service stations, apparently the first time in years that gas has been priced so low in Berrien County. Scott's Marathon and Dune's Auto Body, located on opposite sides of Sawyer Road, said the price war was sparked by competition for customers, and noted that business has increased.

50 years ago – 1970

A twin engine airplane was destroyed in an emergency landing on I-196 south of the M-140 interchange at 16th Ave. in South Haven yesterday. The pilot, Loren Bixby, of Fruitport, and passenger, Ken Wolf, of Muskegon, got out of the plane without injury.

Bixby was flying from Grand Haven to Indianapolis when the plane's controls iced up in a snow storm. When he tried to land on southbound I-196, the right wing struck an expressway sign, skidded down an embankment and struck a tree, stopping a few feet short of a house.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2020. There are 357 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew.

In 1951, the United Nations headquarters in New York officially opened.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Few Showers	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
46°	38°	44° / 40°	42° / 26°	34° / 24°	41° / 35°

Local Outlook

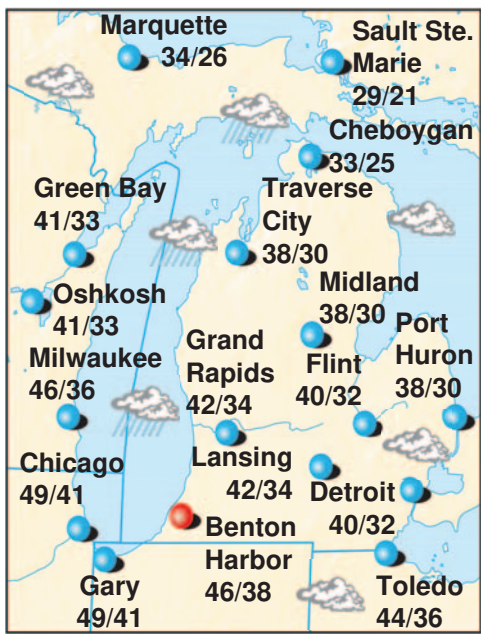
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 58%. South southeast wind 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of rain, overnight low of 38°. South southwest wind 9 to 18 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:13 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:31 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 4:32 p.m.
Moonset ..... 7:08 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
1/10	1/17	1/24	2/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	26°
Low	20°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	57° in 2008
Record Low	-9° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal for month	0.44"
Year to date	Trace
Normal Year to date	0.44"

Air Quality

Yesterday 33
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

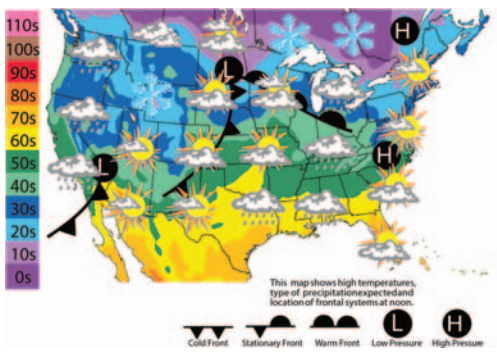
Weather Trivia

Weather occurs in what part of the atmosphere?

Answer: The troposphere.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 9, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind 21 to 24 kt, with gusts as high as 38 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered showers and snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. Southeast wind 10 to 16 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with scattered showers, highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 3 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with widespread rain, highs in the 40s. Southeast wind 2 to 9 mph.

IRAN

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former supreme allied commander. "He's in a very narrow space here: He wants to look tough and presidential but he campaigned on getting us out of these wars."

Trump began casting about for an off-ramp as tens of thousands of Iranians mourned the death of Gen. Qassem Soleimani in a U.S. drone strike and Tehran talked vengeance. When Iranian rockets flew over Iraq and slammed into two bases housing American soldiers Tuesday night, the president and his team waited before deciding on a response.

After daylight broke, and it became clear that there were no American casualties, Trump took to the podium at the White House to frame the attack as a win for the U.S. He said the next move from Washington would be sanctions, not missiles.

"Our great American forces are prepared for anything. Iran appears to be standing down, which is a good thing for all parties concerned and a very good thing for the world," Trump said from the White House.

But Trump's moment of self-styled triumph could be fleeting, particularly in a region as volatile as the Middle East. There is no guarantee that Tuesday's rockets will be the end of Iran's retaliation, and future operations could involve covert militia action or cyber warfare that would be tougher for the U.S. to pin on Tehran.

Alex Brandon / AP

President Donald Trump arrives to address the nation from the White House on the ballistic missile strike that Iran launched against Iraqi air bases housing U.S. troops on Wednesday in Washington, accompanied by Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley, center, and U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

As the Iran crisis began to deepen last month, the stakes were clearly higher than with some of Trump's other international entanglements.

Iran has long loomed as a rising threat, with tensions escalating after Trump pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear deal negotiated during the Obama years. Iran seethed as Trump instituted a series of crippling sanctions in a "maximum pressure" campaign meant to keep Tehran from building a nuclear weapon.

When Iran-backed militias launched a strike that killed an American contractor and raided the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, Trump was presented with an array of possible responses. To the surprise of his national security team, Trump opted for the most dramatic option: a strike to kill Soleimani.

The ramifications of the strike were unknown. Other U.S. presidents had chances to take out Soleimani but opted against the decision for fear of igniting a war.

But Trump, normally loath to risk transforming a standoff into a shooting war, slipped out of a meeting with campaign staff at his Mar-a-Lago resort to approve the lethal strike.

Iran countered with its missile strikes Tuesday night but the rockets did not claim any lives. The response allowed Tehran to appease Iranian hardliners without further provoking Trump into a massive response.

And Trump, in the aftermath, pushed for NATO to step in and do more in the Mideast, though it was not immediately clear if that was a rare nod to the importance of the long-standing military alliance or yet another exhortation for it to spend more resources.

Trump has long made opposition to war part of his political identity. Though he briefly supported the 2003 Iraq war, he later became a fierce opponent, declaring it a waste of American lives and resources.

His foreign policy promises during the campaign were consistently incoherent: While he pledged to pull the U.S. out of the Middle East, he also has pledged to "bomb the hell" out of the Islamic State.

Since taking office, he has launched limited missile strikes against Syria, and authorized the killing of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi there, yet also pulled out the vast majority of American military personnel. The al-Baghdadi killing became a staple in Trump campaign ads.

And in North Korea, the situation perhaps most analogous to Iran, Trump first issued bellicose warnings the U.S. could unleash "fire and fury" on Pyongyang before lowering the temperature and trying to avoid military conflict.

"Trump risks a lot of political capital by deploying tens of thousands of troops to the Mideast. A core part of his appeal to a lot of voters was to end endless wars and this Iran episode has put that at risk," said Republican strategist Alex Conant. "But if Trump can project strength without having to face any real consequences, that's a clear win for him. If he can kill a terrorist and not face any real-world blowback, that's nothing but political upside for him."

PHONES

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varied around the state. In southeastern Michigan, the Macomb County courthouse allows phones but Oakland County and the Wayne County criminal courthouse do not. Phones are allowed in the Kent County courthouse, the largest in western Michigan, but spectators sometimes are told to turn them off in courtrooms.

Lawyers said a ban on phones was a burden on clients, especially poor people who don't have a car and must leave a phone at home or stash it in a bush before entering court. Attorneys, who can bring phones to court, said communication at times was impossible on the day of key hearings.

SUIT

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The Department of Labor began investigating the restaurants' wage practices in November 2018 and presented their findings in May 2019, according to Frederick. The investigation involved an examination of wages paid to employees between 2016 and 2018.

"They went through every day of every person and what they were tipped," Frederick said.

The Labor Department contends that expediters do not qualify to be placed in the tip pool along with the servers, bartenders and bussers. As a result, the department wants the U.S. District Court to order Clementine's to reimburse the affected servers the tips they gave to the expediters.

If the court rules in favor of the Labor Department, approximately 35-40 servers who have worked at or who still work at the two restaurants will be compensated.

Frederick said the restaurant did not purposely mean to violate federal labor laws involving restaurant worker wages.

"We never did anything intentional," she said. "We never thought this was an issue. We have employees working here 15-20 years. If they didn't like the way they were being treated they wouldn't still be here."

The attorney representing the Department of Labor in the lawsuit also could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

PROPOSAL

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would strain existing parking facilities in the business district.

"If the problem is bringing in too many people downtown, that's a good problem," said Ed Richcreek, owner of Richcreek Water Pump in nearby Hartford, during the public comment period. Having the church, which presently has about 100 adult congregants, join the downtown is a "win-win situation," added Richcreek, who is also pastor of the Central Assembly of God church in Coloma.

"Why would you not want to take a risk and grow this community?" he asked the commissioners.

The public comments session remained consistently polite, despite the different viewpoints.

The potential parking concerns are real, said Dan Conkin, owner of the nearby Watervliet Coin Laundry. He, along with some other citizens, wants the church to provide more details about exactly what functions the church's community center will include.

In prepared comments, Freshwater officials emphasized that they want the downtown building to be "more than just a church building" where services are held, but to instead a place "for the community," with the space "open and available for a wide range of community events, a meeting place for various organizations and groups, (and) a resource for families and students in need."

By necessity the church will be established first in the building-rehab effort, Freshwater Pastor Justin VanFerrari explained to the commission, and the community center will follow.

For the nine years of its existence, Freshwater has been meeting in a building at the Coloma Middle School. The relationship with the school "has been wonderful," Freshwater stated, but "it is time for us to take the next step as a church" and find its own meeting place.

During the meeting Mayor Brinker took Zoning Administrator Robert Lohr through a careful series of extremely specific "what-if" questions, regarding possible legal outcomes if city commissioners rule against the planning board's recommendation.

Given the potential upside to the city and the complexities of the regulations, "I don't want us to do anything stupid," he said bluntly, drawing laughter from the crowd. "Unwise," Commissioner Duane Cobb offered as an alternative phrase, to more laughter.

Ultimately, the commission opted to get legal advice that might provide a resolution that wouldn't oblige the commission to spurn the church plan. This should happen "within a week," said Brinker.

"I like the idea of trying to work with (Freshwater) and find a solution," said Commissioner Deah Muth, "and I'm grateful they're stepping up" to become part of Watervliet.

Having the church join the downtown "could be a good thing for the community," if a solution can be found, offered Angelene Conkin, the wife of Dan Conkin and co-owner of the coin laundry.

"I'd hate to see that building torn down or fall into further disrepair," for lack of a tenant, added Commissioner Luke Strunk.

Still, observed Commissioner Jennifer Helms, "The parking issue isn't going to go away."

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ORONOKO TWP.

Township shuts down informal church

Pastors at the Barn Church vow to find larger space

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A Berrien Springs area congregation is scrambling to find a new place to meet after receiving a "stop use order" from Oronoko Township.

The Barn Church and Friday Night Light Ministries has been located at 484 Linco Road on the township's north side, where it has held services in a former barn for the last two years. Township officials just recently learned of the operation and ordered it closed due to building code and zoning concerns.

Lead pastors Shane and Kara McLean said this week they are now looking for a facility where they can hold services, either permanently or temporarily. They don't have precise numbers of how many people have been attending.

"We are two years old and have recently exploded in growth," the McLeans said in an email response to The Herald-Palladium. "I know it's counter-culture, but we felt in the beginning that God said not to count or worry about the number of people, so we don't."

"We are deciding our next steps in prayer and leadership meetings," they added. "We have always met in the barn and it has been incredible."

The McLeans said the non-denominational church started out as a small group of believers meeting in their home to pray and worship, then moved to the barn when more room was needed.

They now see the township's actions as a sign that they need to find a larger building to better meet their needs. They said they were close to outgrowing the barn anyway, since they have a full ministry with services for adults, kids and youth, as well as an inner healing counseling ministry. The McLeans say they also are in the process of planning a church called "The Well" in Benton Harbor.

Oronoko Township Zoning Administrator and Building Official Rich Kubsch said the township was unaware of the church and its operations in the Linco Road building until recently. He said that he, along with the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Fire Department, issued the stop use order so the ministry could get everything in order.

Kubsch said one problem with the current site relates to zoning, because the lot is only 199 feet wide and the zoning ordinance requires setbacks from neighboring properties of 200 feet on the sides and rear, and 100 feet on the front.

The group also lacked a special use permit from the planning commission, which is required in order to have a place of assembly.

The barn also fell short of building and fire code issues that he and the fire department raised, Kubsch said.

Photos by Louise Wrege / HP staff

A puppy looks out a window Wednesday at New Harbor Condominiums on Riverview Drive in Benton Harbor. Only a handful of people still live in the condos, which have twice been condemned by the city. The Benton Harbor DDA is exploring acquiring the condos that the Berrien County Treasure's Office has foreclosed on.

BH DDA looking at New Harbor Condominiums

Idea is in early stages, but officials are optimistic

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

One section of the New Harbor Condominiums on Riverview Drive is shown.

BENTON HARBOR — The future of the New Harbor Condominiums on Riverview Drive in Benton Harbor may one day be in the hands of the Benton Harbor Downtown Development Authority.

At a special meeting Wednesday, DDA members voted to express an interest in acquiring the condos that were foreclosed on in April by the Berrien County Treasurer's Office for nonpayment of property taxes three years in a row. Members said the DDA wants to create a mixed use development offering moderately priced housing.

DDA President Rich Hensel said the idea is still in its preliminary stages.

"We will need and want to discuss this project with city commissioners and the mayor to make sure they understand that we're working on a vision," he said after the DDA meeting.

He said DDA members were inspired after listening to a recent presentation given by Ryan Kilpatrick from Housing Next in Holland, an organization that seeks to encourage housing availability for all income levels.

Hensel said DDA members are interested in spurring new development on Riverview Drive while providing moderate-priced housing in the county, which is in high demand.

So far, 43 of the 90 condos have been foreclosed on, according to Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski. The units in the former hotel failed to sell at the July land auction for a minimum bid of $144,000 – the amount of the unpaid taxes.

Witkowski, who was not at Wednesday's meeting, said the DDA wouldn't have to pay the back taxes since the condos have already gone through the auction process. Normally, property that is foreclosed on that doesn't sell at the auction ends up with the Berrien County Land Bank, because it has more flexibility in dealing with property.

DDA officials first presented the idea of acquiring the condos at the land bank's December meeting, Witkowski said.

"Right now, this by far makes the most sense," he said. "Everyone (at the land bank meeting) agreed this is probably the best possible thing that could happen."

Witkowski previously said he would only sell the 43 condos as a unit and that any proposed development would have to be approved by city commissioners.

Berrien County Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough, who is on the land bank board, said she is optimistic about the plan.

"I'm thankful that someone is interested and has some ideas about that property," she said.

Hensel said the DDA would prepare redevelopment guidelines and then look for ideas from developers.

"This is an experiment to see what's possible," he said. "The current situation is not working."

The condos were condemned in May 2018 shortly after city officials turned the water off for the second time in less than a year. The condos, which are owned by at least 14 people, have only one water meter. The owners are supposed to pay the water bill from the rent they collect. The unpaid water bill was last reported to be about $116,000.

In May 2018, the roughly 170 residents were given 30 days to move out, but the order was not enforced. The order was restated by the city on Dec. 6, 2019.

Today, less than 10 people live in the complex, which includes three buildings. Only one of the buildings has electricity and heat.

There are at least two court cases being handled in the Berrien County court system concerning the condos.

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Columbia Township now contracts with Life EMS Ambulance

By HP STAFF

GRAND JUNCTION — Life EMS Ambulance has announced an expansion of its primary 911 emergency response area in Southwest Michigan to include Columbia Township in Van Buren County, according to a news release.

The expansion took effect on Jan. 1. Columbia Township joins Pine Grove Township, Bloomingdale Township and the city of Gobles as part of the Van Buren County service area cared for by Life EMS Ambulance's team, it was announced Wednesday.

"The Columbia Township Board feels that it is of utmost importance to provide high quality care to our residents when they become sick or injured, and Life EMS Ambulance has a top reputation for the quality of care they offer," said Linda Norton, Columbia Township supervisor, in the release. "We are excited to offer this level of service to our residents."

Added Columbia Township Fire Chief Dave Johnson: "Columbia Township Emergency Services wants the best possible care for both our residents and guests. We are excited to be building a partnership with Life EMS Ambulance that broadens the excellent medical care available to our community."

Mark Meijer, president of Life EMS Ambulance, reinforced his organization's commitment to serving Columbia Township.

Life EMS Ambulance was founded in 1980. Life EMS Ambulance covers medical emergencies throughout 4,200 square miles of West Michigan, including in Grand Rapids/Kent County, Portage/Kalamazoo, plus in Ottawa, Ionia, Newaygo, Lake, Mason, Allegan and Van Buren counties.

COLOMA TWP.

North Berrien fire dept. gets grant for dune grass equipment

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — The North Berrien Fire Rescue Department will soon be prepared if a dune grass fire ever breaks out.

Fire Chief Mike Mattix reported to the Coloma Township Board on Wednesday night that the department recently got a matching grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for dune grass fire equipment.

The department will get $750, and have to match $750, to buy forestry hose, nozzles and hose packs to carry the forestry hose in.

"We currently have a floating pump. And so we'll have all of that equipment in the back of the department's utility truck," Mattix said. "In the event we have a dune grass fire, personnel can take that truck there, take that equipment down to

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Flu-related restrictions in place at Lakeland hospitals

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — As in many parts of the United States, residents of Southwest Michigan are experiencing an increase in the flu. To help protect the health of their patients, team members and visitors, Spectrum Health Lakeland is instituting a revised visitation policy for its hospitals, according to a news release.

Visitors who have not had a flu shot will be asked to wear a mask while in the facility. Also, community members are asked to stay home and not visit loved ones at the hospital if they: Are currently sick and/or contagious; have a fever, runny nose, cough or body aches; are not an immediate family member of a hospitalized patient; are less than 18 years old.

There is no cure for the flu. The flu shot may prevent the flu or reduce symptoms. Medications can reduce the severity of symptoms and shorten

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U.S. to probe fatal Indiana crash involving Tesla Model 3

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The U.S. government's road safety agency is sending a special team to Indiana to investigate a fatal crash involving a Tesla electric vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday that its team will check the crash scene and inspect the Model 3 vehicle involved in the Dec. 29 crash with a parked firetruck on Interstate 70 near Terre Haute.

The crash, which killed the driver's wife who was a passenger in the Tesla, is the second one to be investigated in the past two weeks by NHTSA.

Also on Dec. 29, a Tesla Model S sedan left a freeway in Gardena, California, at a high speed, ran a red light and struck a Honda Civic, killing two people inside, police said. The agency dispatched its special crash investigation unit to the site on New Year's Eve.

Authorities have yet to determine in either case whether the Teslas were operating on Autopilot, a system designed to keep a car in its lane and a safe distance from other vehicles. Autopilot also can change lanes on its own.

Tesla has said repeatedly that its Autopilot system is designed only to assist drivers, who must still pay attention and be ready to intervene at all times.

The company contends that Teslas with Autopilot are safer than vehicles without it, but cautions that the system does not prevent all crashes.

NHTSA's crash program has inspected 23 crashes involving vehicles that the agency believed were operating on some form of partially automated advanced driver assist system. Fourteen of these cases involved Tesla models.

The team investigates more than 100 crashes per year.

The firetruck in the Indiana crash was in the freeway travel lanes with its lights flashing as crews handled a different problem.

Also, on Dec. 7, yet another Model 3 struck a police cruiser on a Connecticut highway, though no one was hurt.

NHTSA also is investigating that crash.

John Locher / AP

People take pictures of a display of LG Signature OLED R TVs at the LG booth during the CES tech show, Tuesday in Las Vegas.

Hollywood-backed Quibi thinks you'll pay for its video bites

By MAE ANDERSON and RACHEL LERMAN
AP Technology Writers

LAS VEGAS — A startup heavily backed by Hollywood is wagering that you're ready to set aside YouTube and TikTok to watch star-studded short videos on your phone – for a price.

The company behind this billion-dollar bet is Quibi, which is preparing to offer movies, shows and other short form video designed for viewing in short bursts on mobile devices. It's an enormous gamble, especially considering that several earlier efforts in mobile entertainment – most notably Verizon's ill-fated Go90 service – fell flat.

Founded by former Disney studios chief and DreamWorks co-founder Jeffrey Katzenberg and helmed by former Hewlett Packard Enterprise CEO Meg Whitman, Quibi is heavy on big ideas and Hollywood muscle.

It has backing from all the major movie studios and entertainment companies, $1 billion invested in original programming and star power in the form of creators and producers from Steven Spielberg to Chrissy Teigen.

Quibi plans to launch on April 6. It will charge $5 a month for an ad-supported service, and $8 a month for an ad-free version.

Company executives argued at CES that Quibi will offer the first entertainment platform designed exclusively for the phone.

In an interview at CES, Katzenberg said it represents the first time "professional storytellers" have tackled the problem of delivering a high-quality viewing experience on mobile.

But the big question is whether a subscription service like Quibi can attract mobile viewers – particularly younger ones – already immersed in an ocean of free-to-watch short video on YouTube and other social-media services.

It will also go up against roughly a half-dozen other paid streaming platforms from Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Hulu to Disney Plus and upcoming services from WarnerMedia and NBCUniversal.

During the keynote Quibi previewed shows including "Don't Look Deeper," a sci-fi show starring Don Cheadle and Emily Mortimer, and "#Freerayshawn" a crime thriller starring Laurence Fishburne as a cop and executive produced by "Training Day" director Antoine Fuqua. Shows and movies, as well as other material like news and weather, are designed to be watched in "quick bites" of 10 minutes or less.

"'Paid premium short form' (video) has never been in the same sentence. It has never really been proven," said Seth Shapiro, managing partner at Pacific Strategy Partners. "That's the challenge." Among other things, he noted, it's already possible for people to watch those other services in the same quick bites Quibi plans.

Quibi executives at the CES gadget show in Las Vegas showed off technology on Wednesday designed to make video viewing on the phone easier. For instance, it will let you watch full-screen video whether you hold the phone upright or sideways.

Filmmakers deliver two edits to the company, one vertical, one horizontal, and Quibi stiches them together with one audio track. Some creators have incorporated that feature into their productions, as in one show in which horizontal viewing delivers a traditional picture – but turning the phone upright displays a view from the main character's phone camera.

Advertisers, at least, are on board. Quibi said it has sold out its $150 million first-year advertising slots to blue-chip companies including Procter & Gamble, Anheuser Busch, General Mills, Google, T-Mobile and Walmart. Ads will appear before shows and aren't skippable.

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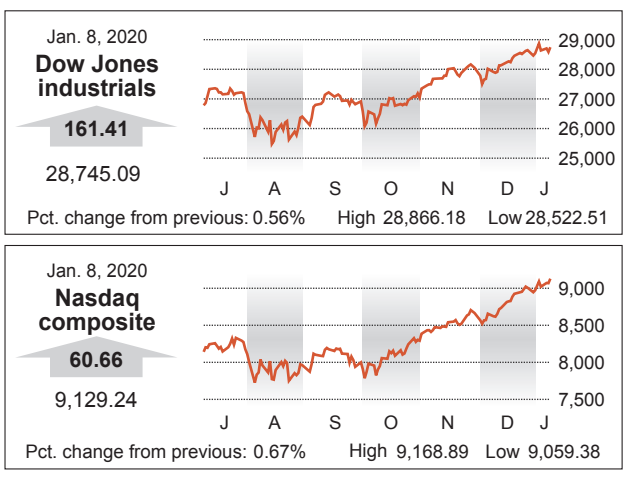

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AEP	AEP	72.95	96.22	93.41	-.28	-0.3	▲	▲	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	145.90	300.90	303.19	+4.80	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
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XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	86.47	78.17	+.66	+0.9	▼	▼	▼

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales of Tuesday, Jan. 7. Prices are per pound.
Choice steers & heifers $1.00-$1.15
High yielding choice & prime 95 cents-$1.00
Utility cows 46 cents-59 cents
Canner & cutter cows 36 cents-48 cents
Bulls 50 cents-80 cents
Top bull calves 40 cents-70 cents
Hay $3.70-$6.50 per bale
Straw $4.00 per bale
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Takata recall of 10M inflators could be last of air bag saga

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Takata is recalling 10 million more front air bag inflators sold to 14 different automakers because they can explode with too much force and hurl shrapnel.

The recall is the last one the bankrupt company agreed to in a 2015 settlement with the U.S. safety regulators. It could bring to a close the largest series of automotive recalls in U.S. history.

The 10 million inflators are part of the approximately 70 million in the U.S. that Takata was to recall as part of the agreement with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Vehicles made by Audi, BMW, Honda, Daimler Vans, Fiat Chrysler, Ferrari, Ford, General Motors, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru, Toyota and Volkswagen are affected.

Automakers will determine what models are affected and launch their own recalls. Ford, Fiat Chrysler, Honda and Mazda already have made announcements.

The recalled inflators were used to replace dangerous ones made by Takata until a permanent remedy could be developed.

Takata used ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion to inflate air bags. The chemical can deteriorate over time when exposed to high heat and humidity and burn too fast, blowing apart a metal canister and hurling shrapnel.

Permanent replacements don't use ammonium nitrate.

At least 25 people have been killed worldwide and hundreds injured by Takata inflators. About 100 million inflators are being recalled across the globe.

In paperwork posted Wednesday on the NHTSA website, Takata said the 10 million figure is an estimate and that many of the inflators were never installed in vehicles. The company said it doesn't know how many vehicles were affected.

Flint water case dismissed against fired state official

FLINT (AP) — A judge dismissed a misdemeanor charge Wednesday and closed a criminal case against a state official who was fired as head of Michigan's drinking water office during the Flint water scandal.

Liane Shekter Smith's 2019 deal with a special prosecutor called for her no-contest plea to be erased after a year if she cooperated with investigators.

Fadwa Hammoud of the attorney general's office, who took over the Flint water investigation after Shekter Smith's deal, said she had to honor it.

"This plea deal like others given by the previous special counsel allows the defendant to walk away without a blemish, without anything on her record," Hammoud said.

Flint's water was contaminated with lead when the city switched sources in 2014 and didn't treat water to reduce corrosion.

State regulators were accused of ignoring residents' complaints and evidence of lead.

Shekter Smith had pleaded no contest to an obscure misdemeanor: disturbance of a lawful meeting. Earlier she had been charged with misconduct in office and neglect of duty and threatened with involuntary manslaughter.

RESTRICTIONS

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the duration of the illness. Most people with flu will have a mild illness and can treat symptoms by staying home, getting plenty of sleep, drinking plenty of fluids and taking over-the-counter medicine to reduce fever and body aches.

People are advised to go to the emergency department if they or a loved one are experiencing difficulty breathing, dizziness, pain or pressure in the chest/abdomen, severe or persistent vomiting, or other severe symptoms.

The Kalamazoo-based Bronson Healthcare system is also issuing temporary restrictions, including at its Bronson South Haven Hospital location.

Visitors to the facility must be 15 years or older. Also, only two visitors per patient are allowed at the South Haven emergency location.

GRANT

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the lake shore, drop the portable pump with a 2.5-inch hose connected to it, and there's our big huge water source called Lake Michigan. We can operate hose lines right off of that pump."

Mattix said he applied for the grant in June last year and didn't think the department had gotten it, but was surprised by the notification right before Christmas.

The department serves Coloma, Coloma Township and Hagar Township, the latter of which has one entire side along Lake Michigan.

Last April, the North Berrien firefighters fought four grass fires in just one week.

Mattix also presented the township board with the department's proposed 2020-2021 budget.

In addition to buying a new fire truck, which will cost about $670,000 split between the three municipalities, the department would like new extrication tools and new radios.

By moving some money around, Mattix said this year he has increased the line item for training expenses.

He said some of this extra money will be used to send three firefighters to International River Rescue School in South Bend.

Mattix said this will help the department better utilize the rescue boat it bought last year due to an increase of rescues needed on the Paw Paw River.

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BEETLE BAILEY

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GET OUT OF THE ARMY?
A WRITER
WHY?
IT'S A JOB I CAN DO LYING DOWN
GREG + MORT WALKER
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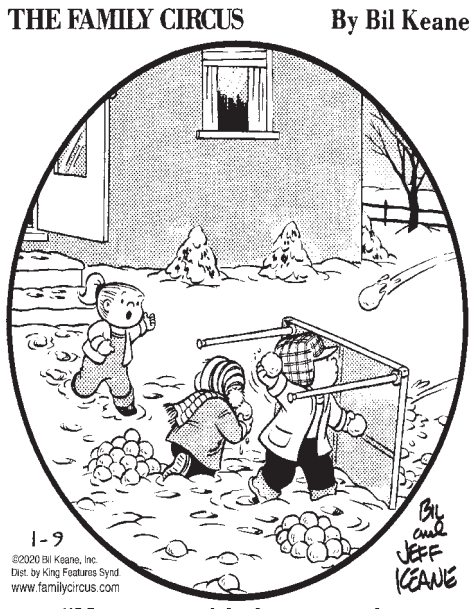
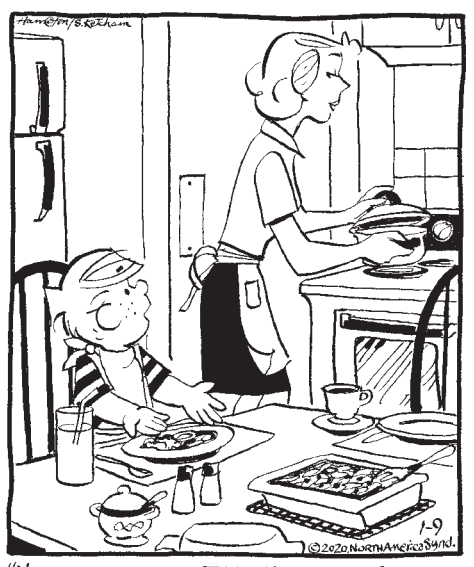
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy said she wants her card table back right now!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU SAY YOU JUST THREW THIS DISH TOGETHER ...WHERE DID IT LAND?"

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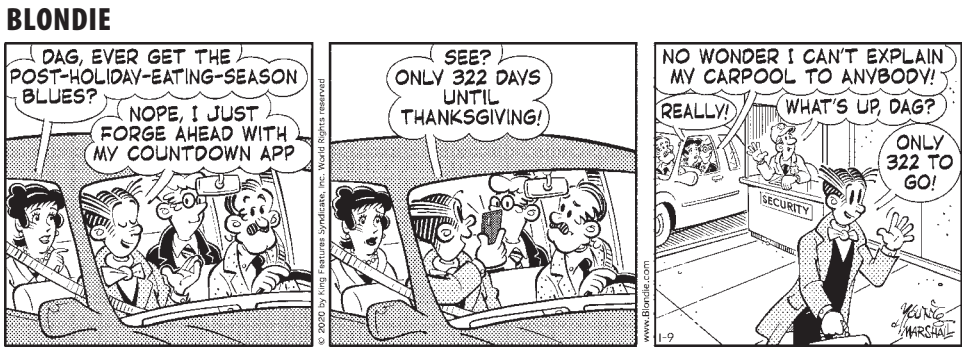
DAG, EVER GET THE POST-HOLIDAY-EATING-SEASON BLUES?
NOPE, I JUST FORGE AHEAD WITH MY COUNTDOWN APP
SEE? ONLY 322 DAYS UNTIL THANKSGIVING!
NO WONDER I CAN'T EXPLAIN MY CARPOOL TO ANYBODY!
REALLY!
WHAT'S UP, DAG?
ONLY 322 TO GO!
SECURITY
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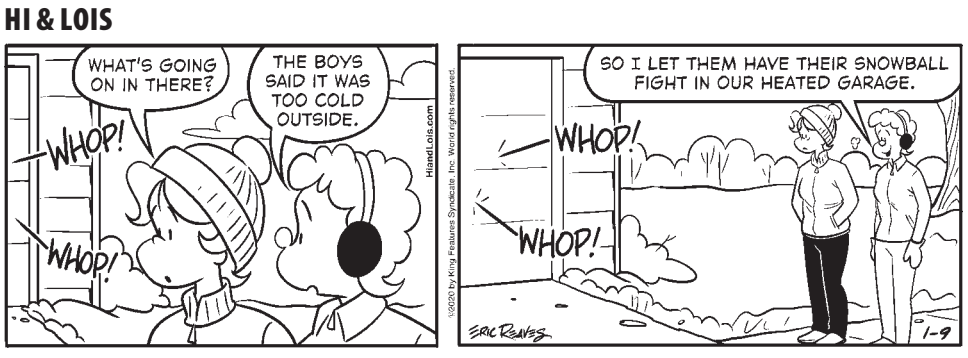
HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES

DO I KNOW YOU?
UM, I DON'T THINK SO.
YES! YOU'RE THE LADY WHO SCREAMS AT HER KIDS ON YOUTUBE! YOU'RE "YELLING MOM"!
WE HAVE TO GET A SELFIE!
PRETEND YOU'RE MAD AT SOMEBODY.
THAT SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT.
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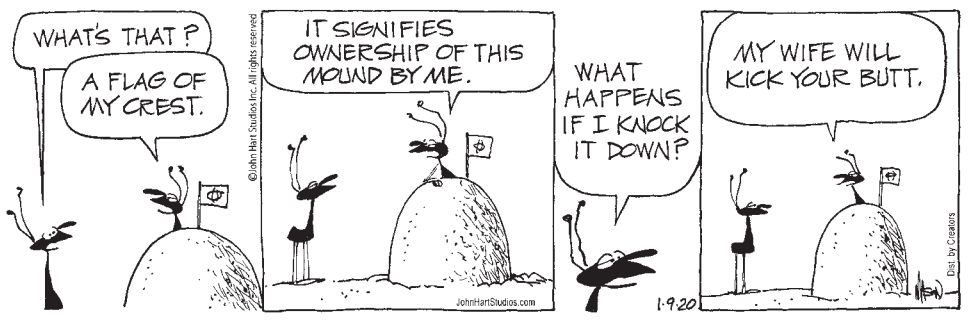
WHAT'S THAT?
A FLAG OF MY CREST.
IT SIGNIFIES OWNERSHIP OF THIS MOUND BY ME.
WHAT HAPPENS IF I KNOCK IT DOWN?
MY WIFE WILL KICK YOUR BUTT.
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CURTIS

YES, CURTIS, IT'S TRUE ... THE HAT YOU'RE KNOWN FOR WAS ONCE MY HAT!
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO WEAR THIS ONE, I WON'T!
I UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO GET A GREAT GIFT FROM MICHELLE
UNTIL NOW, ALL SHE'S EVER GIVEN ME IS A BAD ATTITUDE
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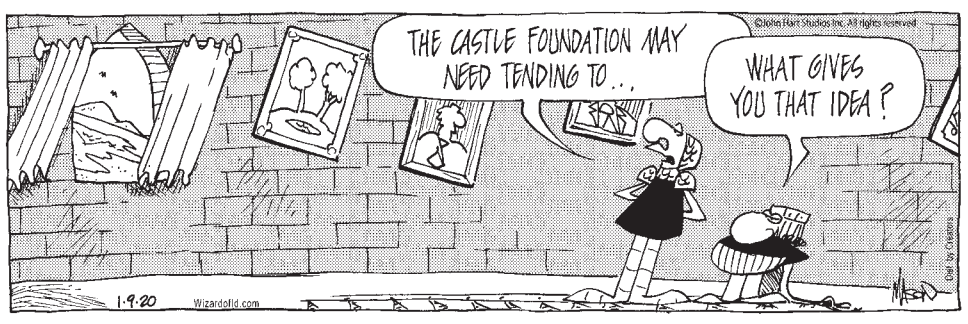
WIZARD OF ID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THE CASTLE FOUNDATION MAY NEED TENDING TO...
WHAT GIVES YOU THAT IDEA?
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ZITS

BOY! IT'S REALLY SNOWING HARD NOW!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
THE COMMON SENSE THING WOULD BE TO PULL OVER AND WAIT UNTIL THE ROADS ARE CLEAR.
RIGHT
TOTALLY
BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
TWITTER POLL!
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SCOTT AND BRIAN
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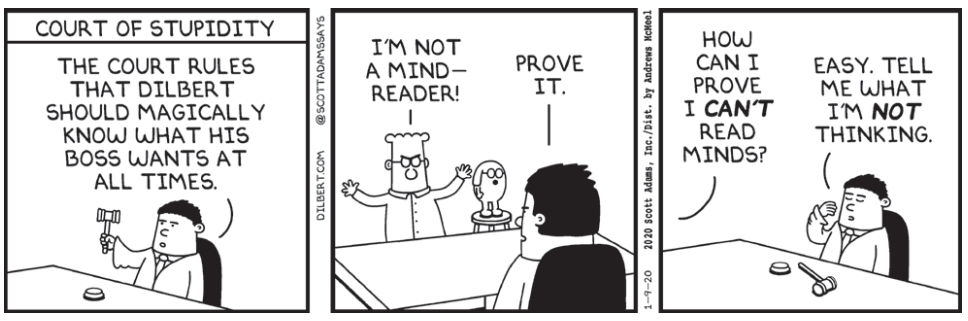
DILBERT


COURT OF STUPIDITY
THE COURT RULES THAT DILBERT SHOULD MAGICALLY KNOW WHAT HIS BOSS WANTS AT ALL TIMES.
I'M NOT A MIND-READER!
PROVE IT.
HOW CAN I PROVE I CAN'T READ MINDS?
EASY. TELL ME WHAT I'M NOT THINKING.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
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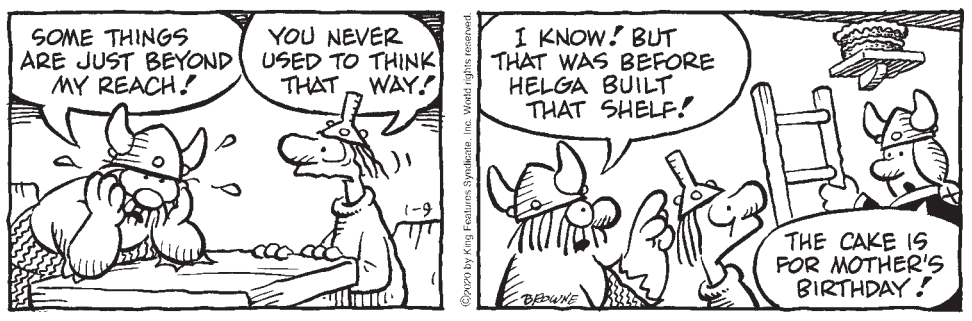
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


SOME THINGS ARE JUST BEYOND MY REACH!
YOU NEVER USED TO THINK THAT WAY!
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I KNOW! BUT THAT WAS BEFORE HELGA BUILT THAT SHELF!
THE CAKE IS FOR MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY!
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BROWNE

GARFIELD

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CLONK!
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN HIT BY A COCONUT?!
IT'S A MYSTERY
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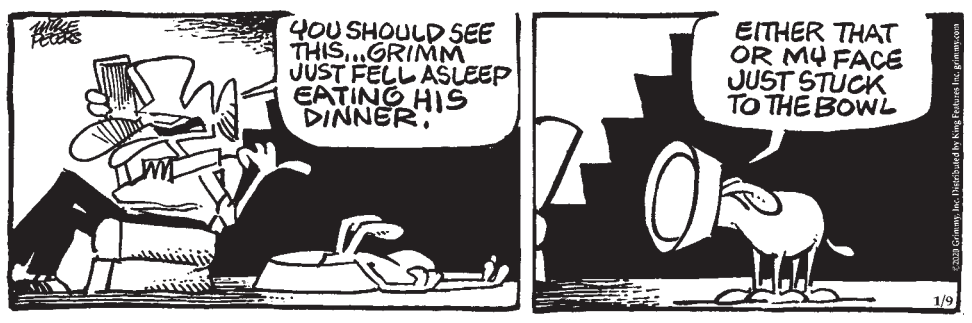
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


YOU SHOULD SEE THIS...GRIMM JUST FELL ASLEEP EATING HIS DINNER!
EITHER THAT OR MY FACE JUST STUCK TO THE BOWL
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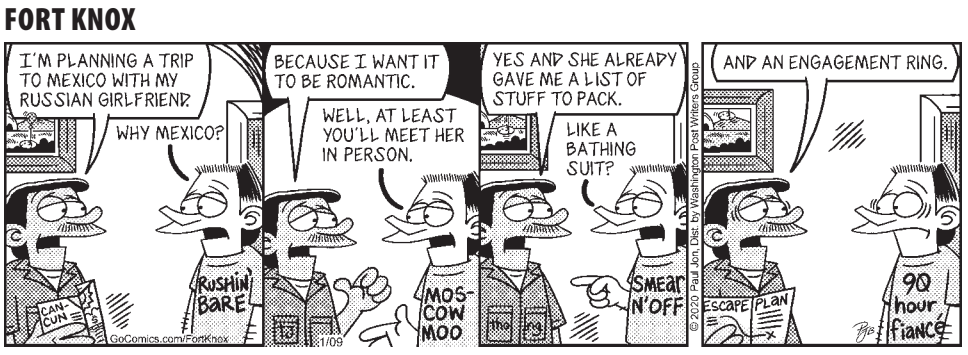
FORT KNOX


I'M PLANNING A TRIP TO MEXICO WITH MY RUSSIAN GIRLFRIEND.
WHY MEXICO?
BECAUSE I WANT IT TO BE ROMANTIC.
WELL, AT LEAST YOU'LL MEET HER IN PERSON.
YES AND SHE ALREADY GAVE ME A LIST OF STUFF TO PACK.
LIKE A BATHING SUIT?
AND AN ENGAGEMENT RING.
CAN-CUN
RUSHIN' BARE
MOS-COW MOO
SMEAR N'OFF
ESCAPE PLAN
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MUTTS

PICKLES

HOLD UP, BOY.
I'M A LITTLE TIRED. YOU GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT ME.
GO AHEAD. WALK YOURSELF HOME.
THIS IS EMBARRASSING!
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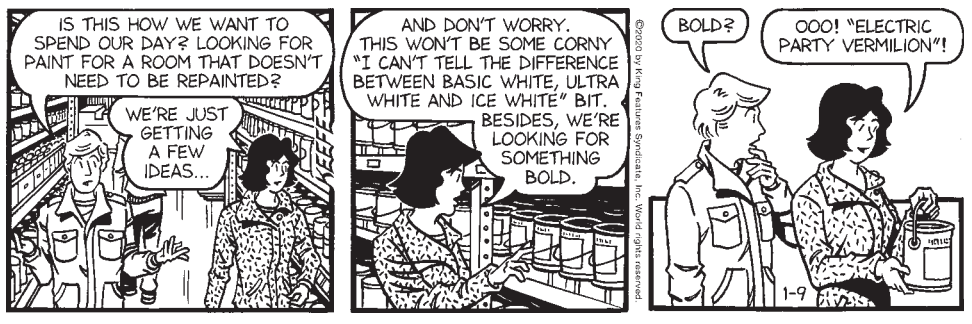
SALLY FORTH


IS THIS HOW WE WANT TO SPEND OUR DAY? LOOKING FOR PAINT FOR A ROOM THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE REPAINTED?
WE'RE JUST GETTING A FEW IDEAS...
AND DON'T WORRY. THIS WON'T BE SOME CORNY "I CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BASIC WHITE, ULTRA WHITE AND ICE WHITE" BIT. BESIDES, WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BOLD.
BOLD?
OOO! "ELECTRIC PARTY VERMILION"!
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The Mini Page®

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Next Week:
What is yoga?

A 2020 Calendar for Kids

photo courtesy VJNet

Mini Fact:
Ten percent of voters in 2020 are expected to be between 18 and 23 years old.

Japan's Summer Games

The Games of the XXXII Olympiad will begin on July 24 in Tokyo, Japan. These are the second Summer Olympics to take place in Japan.

Athletes will compete in 42 sports during the games. Will you watch?

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JANUARY

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1 — New Year's Day
20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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14 — Valentine's Day
17 — Presidents Day
29 — Leap Day

MARCH

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American Red Cross Month
17 — St. Patrick's Day

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12 — Easter
22 — Earth Day

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10 — Mother's Day
25 — Memorial Day

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Great Outdoors Month
21 — Father's Day

JULY

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4 — Independence Day
13 — Democratic Convention begins

AUGUST

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24 — Republican Convention begins

SEPTEMBER

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7 — Labor Day
17 — Citizenship Day

OCTOBER

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12 — Indigenous Peoples Day
31 — Halloween

NOVEMBER

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3 — Election Day
11 — Veterans Day
26 — Thanksgiving Day

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hp SPORTS

Notre Dame men beaten by N.C. State

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Niles hands Buchanan girls first loss of season

Patterson takes over for Vikings as Bucks can't hold early lead

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

NILES – The Buchanan girls basketball team couldn't have asked for a better start to a game.

The Bucks jumped out a 9-0 lead in the first and appeared ready to blow the game open, but Niles had other ideas. The Vikings answered with an 11-0 run of their own and went on to win 48-40 Wednesday.

"We were up and down," Buchanan coach Gabe Miller said. "We're a very young team. We played hard but in the second half, we got a little tight. We didn't move as well; I think the moment was a little big for them. It's a good learning experience for us."

The first half was a back-and-forth affair that saw the two teams trade scoring runs until Buchanan took a 24-21 lead into halftime. A Kamryn Patterson 3-pointer kicked off a 9-0 Vikings run to take control of the game.

> **Alycia (Patterson) always gives us a great game. As a veteran, she keeps her cool throughout the game. She's our go-to player and she makes the girls very calm."**
>
> **JESSICA JOHNSON**
> Nilles girls basketball coach

"We talked about setting the intensity ourselves," Niles coach Jessica Johnson said. "We like to play a quick game and be aggressive on defense. There were times we were playing safe on defense and they drew us away from the perimeter more than we're used to. I told the girls that you have to go with your gut, play hard, and do what you need to do."

A Faith Carson lay-in cut Niles' lead to 41-37 before an Alycia Patterson 3-pointer gave the Vikings a 44-37 lead.

"(Alycia) is an all-state guard for a reason," Miller said. "We weren't disciplined on defense and we let their shooters shoot and they made us pay. That's something we're going to have to learn from going forward."

The Vikings were able to slow down Carson in the fourth. The freshman scored just two of her game-high 22 points in the quarter.

"I wanted them to continue to pressure the perimeter and make that pass (to Carson) harder to make," Johnson said. "I'm really trying to get the girls to understand to box out and hold their box-outs and not actually go get the rebound but our girls love to rebound. We were trying but we just can't rebound with her. She's a big presence in the paint."

Alea Fisher scored eight points for Buchanan. Alycia Patterson led Niles with 19 points and Amara Palmer and Reese Davies scored nine apiece.

"Alycia always gives us a great game," Johnson said. "As a veteran, she keeps her cool throughout the game. She's our go-to player and she makes the girls very calm."

While the loss ends their unbeaten start to the season, the Bucks still have everything to play for. Buchanan remains tied with

See **VIKINGS**, page C2

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

St. Joseph's Joey Siccurello manages to pin Niles' Chase Andres in their 215-pound match on Wednesday.

Thrilling finishes

St. Joseph rallies to beat West Ottawa after loss to Niles; Vikings edged by BC Lakeview

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph's quadrangular wrestling meet provided plenty of excitment here Wednesday night as the final two meets of the evening ended in spectactular fashion.

Coach Taylor Misel's Bears trailed Holland West Ottawa 38-21 with three matches left, but St. Joe recorded three straight pins to nip West Ottawa 39-38.

And, Battle Creek Lakeview edged out Niles 35-33 by winning the final match in sudden-death overtime. Lakeview (11-1) is rated No. 9 in Division 1, while Niles (9-5) is No. 9 in D2.

"It's what high school wrestling is all about," said Misel, after his 215-pounder Joey Siccurello stuck Ottawa's Santos DeLaRosa in 1:58, capping the Bears unlikely rally. "It was a great win for our program before a packed house (in the fieldhouse)."

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Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Niles' Michael Robles entangles St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen in their 103-pound match Wednesday.

Bridgman's Necas makes MHSFCA all-state

By HP STAFF

Bridgman's Donnie Necas was selected first-team all-state in Division 1 eight-man football by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Necas was selected as a defensive back, where he had 65 tackles, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and a pair of touchdown returns. He also excelled as a receiver on offense, catching 25 passes for more than 800 yards with 15 touchdowns, and had a 75-yard kickoff return touchdown.

Necas helped Bridgman to an 8-1 record in its first season of eight-man football.

Several other local players received all-state honorable mention from the MHSFCA.

St. Joseph's Griffin Shinrock was an honorable mention pick in Division 3. Shinrock had 24 tackles, seven interceptions and nine pass breakups as a defensive back. He also caught 25 passes for 332 yards, rushed for 159 yards, and scored four total touchdowns. The Bears finished 6-4.

Benton Harbor's Louis Johnson was an honorable mention pick in Division 4. Johnson played tight end and middle linebacker for the Tigers.

Berrien Springs linemen Garrett Jones and Kevin Blaylock received honorable mention in Division 5. The pair helped the Shamrocks to an undefeated regular season.

Brandywine's Ty Mickiewicz was chosen as honorable mention in Division 6.

Cubs will make their moves after Bryant grievance resolved

David Haugh

CHICAGO — It seems inconceivable that a grievance over a 2015 dispute remains unresolved but here are the Cubs and Kris Bryant, nearly five years later, waiting and wondering.

Talk about the need for increased pace of play.

The Bryant service time issue drags on, leaving the Cubs in limbo as they await an outcome that will inform their short- and long-term future.

This was supposed to be the offseason of seismic change with a no-holds barred approach to trades. Instead, the cost-conscious Cubs' most significant addition has been manager David Ross, a cheaper but not necessarily better version of Joe Maddon.

When ESPN's Jeff Passan reminded everyone how little the front office has done this winter with a tweet Monday — Passan correctly labeled the Cubs as a "free agent straggler" that had spent $0 — the hand-wringing resumed.

Relax, Wrigleyville.

If Opening Day were next week instead of March 26, Cubs fans could justify storming the gates of Gallagher Way. But patience is advised. Changes still could be in the offing.

See **HAUGH**, page C3

George Perles, longtime Michigan State coach, dies at 85

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

George Perles, who coached Michigan State to a Rose Bowl victory in 1988 and was a key defensive assistant for the dominant Pittsburgh Steelers teams of the 1970s, died Tuesday. He was 85.

Perles played football at Michigan State and later was an assistant coach, head coach, athletic director and member of the school's governing body. Michigan State announced Perles' death Wednesday.

"George touched so many lives. He helped so many people. He was fiercely loyal and never forgot where he came from," said Brian Mosallam, a former Michigan State football player now on the Board of Trustees. "We lost a giant."

Michigan State hired Perles in 1983 to revive its beleaguered football program. He did just that, winning Big Ten titles in 1987 and 1990 and coaching the school in seven bowl games. He helped the Spartans beat Southern California, 20-17, on Jan. 1, 1988, for their first Rose Bowl win in three-plus decades.

Perles was an assistant coach for the Spartans before he was hired away in 1972 to coach the Steelers' defensive line. He later was defensive coordinator and assistant head coach for a team that won four NFL championships in six years. The Philadelphia Stars of the U.S. Football League signed him in 1982, but he got out of his contract to return to the campus in East Lansing, Michigan.

The Green Bay Packers tried to lure Perles to the NFL shortly after his Rose Bowl victory and the New York Jets tried two years later. Both times Perles leveraged the opportunities to get what he wanted at Michigan State.

He signed a 10-year contract after passing on the chance to lead the Packers. Just before he was going to be introduced as the Jets' coach in 1990, he was given the title of athletic director despite objections from John DiBiaggio, the university president.

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Beth A. Keiser / AP

Michigan State coach George Perles watches his team warm up before an NCAA college football game against Northwestern, in Evanston, Ill. on Nov. 5, 1994.

IN BRIEF

Tigers get catcher Haase from Indians

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers acquired catcher Eric Haase from the Cleveland Indians for cash on Wednesday and designated right-hander Dario Agrazal for assignment.

Haase, who turned 27 last month, played in 19 games for Cleveland over the past two seasons, going 3 for 32 at the plate. He hit .226 with 28 home runs in 102 games for Triple-A Columbus last year.

The Tigers acquired Agrazal from the Pittsburgh Pirates for cash in a November trade.

He made 14 starts and one relief appearance for the Pirates last season. Agrazal went 4-5 with a 4.91 ERA.

Brady Hoke again named head coach at San Diego State

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Rocky Long-Brady Hoke circle is complete.

Long announced his retirement Wednesday as San Diego State's football coach after taking the Aztecs to nine straight bowl games. He was replaced by Hoke, the Aztecs' defensive line coach.

Nine years ago, Long was promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach after Hoke left for his dream job at Michigan.

Long, who turns 70 on Jan. 27, gave himself some wiggle room by saying he has decided to retire from coaching "at this point."

He seems open to maybe taking a job as a defensive coordinator somewhere else. Hoke joked that he might recruit Long as the Aztecs' defensive coordinator.

Long originally came to SDSU as Hoke's defensive coordinator in 2009 after resigning as New Mexico's coach.

Hoke was 13-12 as SDSU's head coach in 2009-10 and began the school-record streak of 10 straight bowl appearances by getting them to the Poinsettia Bowl in 2010.

He then left for Michigan, where he went 31-20 in four years before being fired.

Long brought Hoke back to SDSU last fall as defensive line coach.

Suspect headed to Ohio over alleged football game threat

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A federal magistrate judge on Wednesday ordered a man be sent to Ohio to face a criminal charge that he threatened to shoot up Ohio State University and hurt players on the football team.

A September indictment unsealed last month in federal court in Columbus accuses Daniel Rippy of making the "electronic communication" threat from California during the 2018 game, which was played in Columbus that year.

Ohio State won the contest 62-39.

Rippy said the school would be shot up "and I'm seriously going to hurt the students and all of the players from the football team," according to the Sept. 26 indictment.

Rippy was arrested Dec. 28 in Livermore, California, released on bond, but then failed to report to the court's Pretrial Services division as required, records show.

AIRWAVES

Television today

6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan at Ohio State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Women's College Basketball** Baylor at Connecticut. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Memphis at Wichita State. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Purdue at Michigan. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Sony Open in Hawaii, First Round. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Maryland at Iowa. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Minnesota at Michigan State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Arizona at Oregon. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Washington at Stanford. (Live) CC
9:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Houston Rockets at Oklahoma City Thunder. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live)
(Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** Hong Kong Open, Second Round. (Live) CC
5:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** South African Open, Second Round. (Live) CC

Friday

3:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Sheffield United FC vs West Ham United FC. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Minnesota at Michigan State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Northern Kentucky at Illinois-Chicago. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Maryland at Iowa. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Sony Open in Hawaii, Second Round. (Live)
(NBCSports) **College Hockey** Michigan at Notre Dame. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Ottawa Senators at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at New York Knicks. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (26) **High School Basketball** Wando at Ashley Ridge. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Wisconsin at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **High School Basketball** Huntington Prep (W.Va.) vs. IMG Adademy (Fla.). (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Butler at Providence. (Live) CC
(Showtime) **Boxing** Claressa Shields vs. Ivana Habazin. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (46) **High School Football**
(Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** Hong Kong Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
4:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** South African Open, Third Round. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
College basketball — Purdue at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
9 p.m.
College basketball — Minnesota at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Friday

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball doubleheader — Lakeshore at Portage Northern (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7:15 p.m.
High school basketball — South Haven at Paw Paw (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Notre Dame nipped by N.C. State

By KEN TYSIAC
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Markell Johnson scored 27 points and D.J. Funderburk added 16 points, including two tiebreaking free throws with 1:38 remaining as N.C. State bounced back from a 12-point, second half deficit to edge Notre Dame 73-68 on Wednesday night.

N.C. State 73, Notre Dame 68

Jericole Hellems scored 12 points and Braxton Beverly had 10 as N.C. State improved to 11-4 and 2-2 in the ACC. Prentiss Hubb led Notre Dame (10-5, 1-3) with a career-high 24 points, and T.J. Gibbs and John Mooney contributed 14 points apiece.

Funderburk's free throws put N.C. State ahead 68-66 for its first lead since the game's fourth minute. An errant Hubb pass resulted in an Irish turnover moments later, and Johnson's driving layup extended the Wolfpack's advantage to four points with 53 seconds to play.

Both teams entered the game without the services of key players. C.J. Bryce, N.C. State's leading scorer and rebounder, missed his third consecutive game as a result of a concussion. Notre Dame senior guard Rex Pflueger, meanwhile, did not play because of a bone bruise in his knee.

Hubb got the Irish off to a good start by improving on the strong shooting performance he turned in Saturday in an 88-87 win at Syracuse, when he was 6-for-12 from 3-point range and scored 22 points. On Wednesday night, he made four of his five 3-point attempts and scored 14 points in the first half as the Irish led by as many as nine points and reached halftime with a 39-34 advantage.

Johnson nearly kept pace with Hubb with 13 points, 3-for-6 shooting from 3-point range and four assists in the first half. But the Wolfpack didn't attempt a free throw before halftime against a Notre Dame defense that entered the game leading the country in fewest fouls per game, and the Irish's 6-for-7 effort at the foul line resulted in a halftime advantage.

The Irish scored the first six points of the second half and led 51-39 after a Hubb layup with 15:21 remaining, but Funderburk began to assert himself late in the second half in the lane. He outmuscled an undermanned Notre Dame team that used just a six-player rotation, scoring eight points over a five-minute period, helping to turn a 58-49 deficit into a 60-60 tie.

BIG PICTURE

Notre Dame: Consecutive solid performances in ACC road games will breathe some life into a season that wasn't looking particularly promising a week ago. If Hubb can continue scoring at the clip he has provided over the past two games, the Irish have enough pieces around him to be competitive in most of their ACC games.

N.C. State: The Wolfpack urgently needs Bryce to return to the lineup. He is averaging 16.1 points per game, and his absence leaves Johnson as N.C. State's only truly dynamic scorer. And with a difficult road test at Virginia Tech coming up, falling to 2-3 in ACC play wouldn't be palatable for a team with NCAA Tournament hopes.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Niles' Carson Landon, left, and St. Joseph's Jack Sherman struggle for dominance in their 119-pound match on Wednesday.

WRESTLING

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"I knew we needed a pin, and I caught him in a head-and-arm," explained Siccurello. The pin came two seconds before the end of the first period. The three consecutive pins by Matt Morris, Drake Collins and Siccurello improved the Bears to 9-7.

Niles coach Todd Hesson admitted his team's close loss to Lakeview was a tough pill to swallow, but remained positive on his team's effort. "These kids come to wrestle every meet, and that's all any coach can ask."

Niles defeated St. Joseph 50-24 in a SMAC West Division opener for both teams. Lakeview thumped West Ottawa 63-12 in the night's other opener.

A key match in the Vikings' win over St. Joseph came when freshman Mike Robles nipped the Bears' Nolan Wertanen 10-8 at 103 pounds in a battle royale of highly-rated wrestlers.

It was the first loss of the season for Wertanen, rated No. 1 at 103 in D2. Robles is rated No. 4.

Winning both of their matches for St. Joseph was highly-touted sophomore Jacob Halsey at 130. He improved to 18-2 on the season and is rated No. 6 at 125 this week. Morris, Collins and Siccurello claimed two pins each.

NILES 50, ST. JOSEPH 24

103 - Mike Robles (N) d. Nolan Wertanen 10-8; 112 - Jordan Zimmerman (N) p. Collin Staneart 2:29; 119 - Carson Landon (N) d. Jack Sherman 6-4; 125 - James Pegan (N) p. Ted Olmsted 1:59; 130 - Jacob Halsey p. Blake Mann 1:27; 135 - Ryan Franco (N) p. Gabe Soler 1:25; 140 - Javond Ball (N) m.d. Yazan Farhan 17-5;

145 - Skyler Means (N) by forfeit; 152 - Hunter Fazi (N) m.d. Ben Betita 14-2; 160 - Kade Wagley (N) p. Brandon Jones 0:55; 171 - Matt Morris (SJ) p. Connor Tibbitts 3:15; 189 - Drake Collins (SJ) p. Darian Sosa 3:52; 215 - Joey Siccurello (SJ) p. Chase Andres 1:24; Hwt - Caden Smith (N) p. Cameron Hureski 0:52.

ST. JOSEPH 39, WEST OTTAWA 38

103 - Nolan Wertanen (SJ) p. Trale Bumsted 1:01; 112 - Matt Hakken (WO) d. Collin Staneart 6-4 in OT; 119 - Owen Foster (WO) t.f. Jack Sherman 18-3; 125 - Julio Sanchez (WO) p. Ted Olmsted 1:14; 130 - Jacob Halsey (SJ) d. Emilo Castenada 5-1. 135 - Quincy Moyo (WO) p. Emer Dyes 3:24; 140 - Gabe Soler (SJ) p. Avont Chanthalamon 3:32;

145 - Terrell Hawkins (WO) p. Yazan Farhan 2:59; 152 - Ben Betita by forfeit; 160 - Omar Salas (WO) p. Brandon Jones 4:34; 171 - Matt Morris (SJ) p. Logan Hornshaw 0:57; 189 - Drake Collins (SJ) p. Andy VanDyke 0:51; 215 - Siccurello (SJ) p. Santos DelaRosa 1:58; Hwt - Logan Lewis (WO) p. Cameron Hureskin 5:59.

BC LAKEVIEW 35, NILES 33

103 - Louden Stradling (BCL) d. Michael Robles 6-3; 112 - Jamison Zimmerman (N) d. Gabe Livingston 10-4; 119 - Brad Collins (BCL) p. Conner Pickens 0:56; 125 - Evan Sheeders (BCL) p. Carson Landon 1:26; 130 - Bryce Sheeders (BCL) p. Blake Mann 2:09; 135 - Ryan Franco (N) p. Conner Rathbone 1:59; 140 - Skylar Means (N) p. Jake White 1:49;

145 - Javond Ball (N) p. Kaleb Erskine 4:22; 152 - Kade Wagley (N) p. Caleb Bost 1:19; 160 - Josef Quispe (BCL) t.f. Connor Tibbitts 21-6; 171 - Gavin Haggerty (BCL) 4-2; 189 - Nick Saumier (BCL) d. Darian Sosa 9-3; 215 - Andrew Miller (BCL) d. Chase Andres 3-2; 285 - Caiden Smith (N) p. Jakup Steeb 0:25.

Bulls lose 5th straight

By BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Brandon Ingram had 29 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds, and the New Orleans Pelicans defeated Chicago 123-108 on Wednesday night to drop the Bulls to a fifth straight loss.

New Orleans 123, Chicago 108

JJ Redick hit six 3-pointers on his way to 24 points, while rookie Jaxson Hayes had 14 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks to help the Pelicans win for the seventh time in 10 games.

Zach LaVine scored 32 for the Bulls, who are in the midst of their longest losing streak this season. Thaddeus Young scored 18 in his return to the city where he was born.

Chicago led by six early in the third quarter before New Orleans went on a 15-3 run that put the Pelicans in front for good. Ingram scored nine during that surge, starting it with a 3, adding another from deep and then hitting three free throws after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt.

New Orleans continued to pull away in the fourth quarter, leading by as many as 21.

TIP-INS

Bulls: Kris Dunn scored 15 points and Lauri Markkanen 14. ... LaVine scored at least 25 for the 19th time this season and eclipsed 30 for the ninth time. ... The Bulls came in forcing league best 18.3 turnovers per game and failed to hit that mark against New Orleans, which committed 14 turnovers. ... Chicago had 10 offensive rebounds, the ninth straight game it had at least that many.

Pelicans: Were without guard Jrue Holiday (left elbow bruise), the club's second-leading scorer (19.6 points per game) for a second straight game. ... Josh Hart, who started for Holiday, scored 13 points. Lonzo Ball and Nickiell Alexander-Walker each scored 11. ... Ingram made 11 of 12 free throws but missed his first of the night, snapping a streak of 36 straight makes from the foul line since the fourth quarter of a game at Golden State on Dec. 20.

UP NEXT

Bulls: Host Indiana on Friday night.

VIKINGS

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Brandywine atop the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Red Division ahead of their first clash of the season next Thursday.

"This is good," Miller said.

"You want to play teams that will test you and see what you need to fix. We're young but I'm glad we have the opportunity to play teams like Niles and Brandywine in order to test ourselves."

NILES 48, BUCHANAN 40

NILES (48)
Alycia Patterson 6 5-6 19, Amara Palmer 3 2-6 9, Reese Davies 3 3-4, 9, Kamryn Patterson 3 1-2 8, Bailey Bickel 0 1-2 1, Alexis Rauch 0 0-2 0. Totals: 15 12-19 48.
BUCHANAN (40)
Faith Carson 9 4-6 22, Alea Fisher 3 0-0 8, Emma Lozmack 2 0-0 5, Claire Lietz 0 3-4 3, Jillian McKean 0 2-3 2, Hailey Jonatzke 0 0-1 0. Totals: 14 9-4 40.

Niles	**11**	**10**	**14**	**13**	**– 48**
Buchanan	**14**	**10**	**7**	**9**	**– 40**

3-point goals – Niles 6 (A. Patterson 4, Palmer, K. Patterson), Buchanan 3 (Fisher 2, Lozmack). Total fouls – Niles 15, Buchanan 15. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None. Records – Buchanan 6-1, Niles 4-1.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

By HP STAFF

Youth sports

St. Joseph Lions Club 6th/7th/8th grade basketball tournament: Jan. 25 at St. Joseph High School. Limited to 16 teams. No club, travel or local all-star teams. Cost is $65 if you are providing your own uniform, $145 if you would like the Lions Club to provide you with a designed shirt your players get to keep. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for K-12 for Saturday games. For more information, contact Bret Witkowski at 982-8645 or baeewitkowski@yahoo.com.

St. Joe Kickers Indoor Soccer League: Second-session games begin Jan. 24 and continue until March. Registration available now until Jan. 10 at http://www.stjoekickers.com. For more information contact St. Joe Kickers sports director Christopher Haack at cbhaack@yahoo.com

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AREA SCHEDULE

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Boys basketball
Bangor at Decatur, 7:30
Girls basketball
Bangor at Decatur, 6
Benton Harbor at Berrien Springs, 7
Michigan Lutheran at River Valley, 7:30
New Buffalo at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30
Boys swimming
Mattawan at St. Joseph, 6
Kal. Loy Norrix at Bridgman, 6

Friday
Boys basketball
Lakeshore at Portage Northern, 7
St. Joseph at Mattawan, 7
Portage Central at Niles, 7
Bridgman at Wyo. Tri-Unity Christian, 7
Edwardsburg at Dowagiac, 7:15
South Haven at Paw Paw, 7:15
River Valley at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
New Buffalo at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30
Lawrence at Countryside, 7:30
Watervliet at Martin, 7:30
Saugatuck at Coloma, 7:30
Bloomingdale at Eau Claire, 7:30
Covert at Howardsville Christian, 7:30
Hartford at Mendon, 7:30
Girls basketball
St. Joseph at Mattawan, 5:45
Lakeshore at Portage Northern, 5:45
Portage Central at Niles, 5:45
Edwardsburg at Dowagiac, 5:45
South Haven at Paw Paw, 6
Bloomingdale at Eau Claire, 6
Watervliet at Martin, 6
Saugatuck at Coloma, 6
Lawrence at Countryside, 6
Hartford at Mendon, 6
Covert at Howardsville Christian, 6

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
WED. MORN. FUN – Donna Bender 496 (186), Mary Kelley 493 (202), Harriet Hackbart 458, Vi Stark 447, Jay Higgins 432. Team score: Happy Hookers 1,310 (489).
WEDNESDAY MORNING MIXED – Dae Dae Coleman 644, Dave Ellis 622, Scott Harrison 616 (259), Sonya Jackson 522 (195), Kim Keith 463, Kate McNeil 426. Team score: Dogg Pound 2,340 (808).
LAKESHORE LASSIES – Alanna Swetay 719 (256), Tricia Morris 666 (236), Karyn Fricke 616 (245), Brandy Antonowitsch 593 (206), Di Evans 583 (224), Bobbi Smith 566 (211) Katie Lange 540, Lisa Hendrixson 533. Team score: Lerke-Swetay 1,185 (421). Note – Swetay's first 700.
EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL – Chris Valley 743 (269), Erik Ender 719 (258), Tim Mummaw 713, Paul Bender 710, James Mummaw 707 (268), Mike Carter 705 (256), Brian Ward 701 (279), Matt Hendrixson 686 (277), Billy Hendrixson 685 (257), Chad Case 684. Team score: B+L Rentals 3251 (1111), Mummaw Construction 3200 (1115).
LAKESHORE LANES
LAKESHORE LADIES – Stephanie Zdanis 571 (219), Rachel Thurman 548, Carol Ashmead 537, Laura Bishop 527, Sue Holland 518, Amy Rochefort 515, Melanee Mangold 509 (210), Mary Muggeman 506 (207), Connie Koth 500. Team score: Bowling B's 2,053 (728).

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Team Rankings
Division 1 - 1. Detroit Catholic, 2. Davison, 3. Brighton, 4. Hartland, 5. Temperance Bedford, 6. Holt, 7. Rockford, 8. Macomb Dakota, 9. Battle Creek Lakeview, 10. Clarkston.
Division 2 - 1. Lowell, 2. Gaylord, 3. Whitehall, 4. DeWitt, 5. Eaton Rapids, 6. Warren Woods Tower, **7. LAKESHORE**, 8. Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, **9. NILES**, 10. Jackson Northwest.
Division 3 - 1. Dundee, 2. Richmond, 3. Alma, 4. Chippewa Hills, 5. Lakewood, 6. Montrose, 7. Fremont, **8. DOWAGIAC**, 9. Birch Run, 10. Portland.
Division 4 - 1. Clinton, 2. New Lothrop, 3. Hudson, 4. Manchester, 5. Carson City, 6. Pine River, 7. Hart. 8.Leslie, 9. Mendon, 10. Addison.
Top 10 Individual Rankings (Area wrestlers only)
Division 2
103 - 1. Nolan Wertanen (St. Joseph); 4. Mike Robles (Niles).
112 - 2. Cam Litaker (Lakeshore); 5. Jordan Zimmerman (Niles).
119 - 8. Aaron Lucio (Lakeshore).
125 - 6. Jacob Halsey (St. Joseph), 7. Jonathon Gelesko (Lakeshore).
130 - 5. Micah Hanau (Lakeshore).
135 - 1. Shane Williams (Lakeshore); 7. Ryan Franco (Niles).
140 - 6. Jackson Hoover (Edwardsburg); 7. Javond Ball (Niles).
145 - 4. Kade Wagley (Niles); 9. Jacob Reece Edwardsburg).
171 - 10. Caden Rece (Edwardsburg).
215 - 9. Zeke Rohl (Lakeshore).
Division 3
103 - 7. Jordan Simpson (Dowagiac).
112 - 5. Caleb Ishmael (Coloma).
130 - 9. Jackson Kanniainen (Paw Paw); 10. Ray Woodall (S. Haven).
135 - 9. AlexMcIntosh (Dowagiac).
140 - 5. Hunter Heath (Brandywine).
145 - 10. Ian Ishmael (Coloma).
285 - 3. Wyatt Bailey (Dowagiac); 6. Cole Alsup (Coloma).
Division 4
135 - 9. Romeo Lopez (Decatur).
140 - 5. Landyn VanWyk (Lawton).
152 - 8. Hunter Underwood (Gobles).
171 - 2. Jared Checkley (Decatur).
285 - 8. Juan Villanueva (Lawrence); 9. Kenny Mann (Decatur).

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wednesday's boys scores
Cass City 53, Marlette 37
Comstock 56, Saugatuck 41
Deckerville 51, Brown City 48
Grand Rapids Wellspring 59, West Michigan Aviation 54
Harbor Beach 69, Caro 43
Houghton Lake 46, McBain Northern Michigan Christian 45
Lake City 50, Beal City 24
McBain 74, Roscommon 49
Memphis 66, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 47
Montague 55, Mason County Central 48
Morley-Stanwood 72, Newaygo 39
Munising 54, Rapid River 50
New Haven 59, Warren Mott 54
Niles Brandywine 61, Fennville 49
Orchard Lake St. Mary's 61, Ann Arbor Pioneer 44
Reese 55, Sandusky 33
Unionville-Sebewaing 57, Ubly 41
Westwood 46, Gwinn 37
Wednesday's girls scores
Adrian Lenawee Christian 62, Fowler 48
Austin Catholic 33, Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart 31
Bay City John Glenn 69, West Branch Ogemaw Heights 15
Bedford 62, Tol. St. Ursula, Ohio 43
Bellaire 38, East Jordan 28
Benzie Central 42, Kalkaska 39
Breckenridge 66, Ashley 43
Carson City-Crystal 25, Vestaburg 21
Cedarville 56, Hillman 27
Charlevoix 54, Gaylord 36
Coleman 55, Blanchard Montabella 41
Coloma 46, Bridgman 16
Dansville 36, Fulton-Middleton 20
Detroit Country Day 35, Pontiac 14
Detroit Pershing 47, Mount Clemens 27
East Jackson 46, Addison 36
Frankfort 59, Buckley 27
Grand Rapids Wellspring 34, West Michigan Aviation 33
Grass Lake 60, Hanover-Horton 29
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 50, Ann Arbor Pioneer 43
Johannesburg-Lewiston 57, Fife Lake Forest Area 21
Laingsburg 49, Potterville 25
Mackinaw City 70, Alanson 4
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 56, Clarkston Everest Collegiate 30
Mancelona 57, Pellston 16
Manistee Catholic Central 49, Bear Lake 10
Manton 58, Maple City Glen Lake 54
Marion 36, Brethren 28
Michigan Center 65, Manchester 20
Napoleon 44, Vandercook Lake Jackson 11
Niles 48, Buchanan 40
North Dickinson 67, Rock Mid Peninsula 32
Pentwater 35, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 29
Pickford 76, Onaway 25
Portland St. Patrick 59, Bath 23
Prairie Hts., Ind. 54, Bronson 20
Saugatuck 50, Comstock 29
Suttons Bay 32, Lake Leelanau St. Mary 26
Tawas 46, Whittemore-Prescott 29
Traverse City St. Francis 53, Gaylord St. Mary 42
Waterford Our Lady 54, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 25
Wixom Christian 48, Allen Park Cabrini 38
Wolverine 63, Alba 15

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NC STATE 73, NOTRE DAME 68

NOTRE DAME (10-5)
Gibbs 5-9 4-4 14, Hubb 9-14 2-2 24, Mooney 7-14 0-1 14, Goodwin 4-9 0-0 9, Laszewski 1-5 0-0 3, Durham 1-6 2-3 4. Totals 27-57 8-10 68.
NC STATE (11-4)
Johnson 9-15 5-6 27, Beverly 4-12 0-0 10, Hellems 5-14 0-0 12, Bates 3-4 0-1 6, Daniels 1-7 0-0 2, Funderburk 4-6 8-10 16, Andree 0-6 0-0 0, Dixon 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-65 13-17 73.
Halftime-Notre Dame 39-34. 3-Point Goals-Notre Dame 6-18 (Hubb 4-7, Goodwin 1-2, Laszewski 1-5, Mooney 0-1, Gibbs 0-3), NC State 8-28 (Johnson 4-9, Hellems 2-4, Beverly 2-6, Daniels 0-3, Andree 0-6). Fouled Out-Mooney. Rebounds-Notre Dame 31 (Mooney 14), NC State 32 (Funderburk 9). Assists-Notre Dame 11 (Gibbs 6), NC State 16 (Johnson 7). Total Fouls-Notre Dame 16, NC State 14.

Wednesday's men's scores
EAST
American U. 68, Army 60
Binghamton 79, UMBC 75
Boston U. 84, Lehigh 67
Colgate 92, Loyola (Md.) 70
Duquesne 78, Saint Joseph's 60
Georgetown 87, St. John's 66
Hartford 80, Mass.-Lowell 68
Lafayette 82, Holy Cross 64
Marist 70, Fairfield 58
Navy 60, Bucknell 56
New Hampshire 57, Maine 51
Rhode Island 69, Davidson 58
Stony Brook 81, Vermont 77
UMass 77, La Salle 69
SOUTH
Alabama 90, Mississippi St. 69
Campbell 64, UNC-Asheville 62
ETSU 64, UNC-Greensboro 57
Florida St. 78, Wake Forest 68
Furman 73, Chattanooga 66
Longwood 74, Charleston Southern 56
NC State 73, Notre Dame 68
New Orleans 86, Cent. Arkansas 78
Pittsburgh 73, North Carolina 65
Radford 67, Gardner-Webb 64
SC-Upstate 83, Hampton 73
St. Bonaventure 61, George Mason 49
W. Carolina 97, VMI 85
Winthrop 79, High Point 57
Wofford 67, Samford 62
MIDWEST
Bradley 72, Evansville 52
Cincinnati 75, Tulsa 44
Fort Wayne 77, W. Illinois 69
Indiana 66, Northwestern 62
Kansas 79, Iowa St. 53
Nebraska-Omaha 66, North Dakota 62
Saint Louis 63, George Washington 58
Seton Hall 83, Xavier 71
SOUTHWEST
McNeese St. 88, Abilene Christian 84
Nicholls 61, Lamar 52
Northwestern St. 72, Incarnate Word 66
Oklahoma 72, Texas 62
SMU 81, UCF 74
Sam Houston St. 67, SE Louisiana 62
Texas A&M-CC 73, Stephen F. Austin 72
FAR WEST
San Diego St. 72, Wyoming 52

Wednesday's women's scores
EAST
American U. 73, Army 57
Binghamton 61, UMBC 43
Bucknell 61, Navy 34
Colgate 76, Loyola (Md.) 74
Fairleigh Dickinson 56, St. Francis (Pa.) 47
George Washington 65, Duquesne 60
Holy Cross 57, Lafayette 56
Lehigh 51, Boston U. 34
Maine 67, New Hampshire 50
Mass.-Lowell 68, Hartford 63
Merrimack 78, Bryant 66
Sacred Heart 66, CCSU 58
Saint Louis 77, La Salle 61
St. Francis Brooklyn 88, LIU 63
Stony Brook 67, Vermont 49
Towson 86, Chestnut Hill 49
UMass 62, St. Bonaventure 52
SOUTH
Abilene Christian 90, McNeese St. 73
Cincinnati 73, Memphis 66
Davidson 74, Fordham 62
Incarnate Word 69, Northwestern St. 67
Lamar 84, Nicholls 78
SMU 55, East Carolina 47
Sam Houston St. 84, SE Louisiana 69
Troy 72, Louisiana-Monroe 65
Tulane 64, Tulsa 62
VCU 47, Saint Joseph's 40
MIDWEST
Ball St. 86, Bowling Green 80
Cent. Michigan 73, Ohio 71
Dayton 59, George Mason 55
E. Michigan 74, Kent St. 69
Miami (Ohio) 66, N. Illinois 64
Toledo 71, Buffalo 59
W. Michigan 56, Akron 51
West Virginia 68, Kansas 49
SOUTHWEST
New Orleans 49, Cent. Arkansas 37
Oklahoma 77, Oklahoma St. 75
Oral Roberts 70, N. Dakota St. 62
Stephen F. Austin 66, Texas A&M-CC 44
Temple 61, Houston 58
Texas Tech 80, TCU 76
FAR WEST
Air Force 62, Utah St. 45
CS Bakersfield 66, California Baptist 61
UNLV 66, Boise St. 65

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	25	10	.714	—
Toronto	25	13	.658	1½
Philadelphia	24	14	.632	2½
Brooklyn	16	20	.444	9½
New York	10	28	.263	16½
Southeast Division				
Miami	27	10	.730	—
Orlando	18	20	.474	9½
Charlotte	15	25	.375	13½
Washington	12	25	.324	15
Atlanta	8	30	.211	19½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	32	6	.842	—
Indiana	23	15	.605	9
Detroit	14	24	.368	18
Chicago	13	25	.342	19
Cleveland	10	27	.270	21½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	25	11	.694	—
Dallas	23	14	.622	2½
San Antonio	16	20	.444	9
Memphis	16	22	.421	10
New Orleans	13	25	.342	13
Northwest Division				
Denver	26	11	.703	—
Utah	25	12	.676	1
Oklahoma City	21	16	.568	5
Portland	16	22	.421	10½
Minnesota	14	22	.389	11½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	30	7	.811	—
L.A. Clippers	26	12	.684	4½
Sacramento	15	23	.395	15½
Phoenix	14	23	.378	16
Golden State	9	29	.237	21½

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 115, Cleveland 113
Portland 101, Toronto 99
Oklahoma City 111, Brooklyn 103, OT
Memphis 119, Minnesota 112
Sacramento 114, Phoenix 103
L.A. Lakers 117, New York 87
Wednesday's Games
Miami 122, Indiana 108
San Antonio 129, Boston 114
Toronto 112, Charlotte 110, OT
Orlando 123, Washington 89
Denver 107, Dallas 106
Houston 122, Atlanta 115
New Orleans 123, Chicago 108
Utah 128, New York 104
Milwaukee at Golden State
Today's Games
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 7:15 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 9:45 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

PELICANS 123, BULLS 108

CHICAGO (108)
Dunn 6-11 0-0 15, Young 7-16 1-2 18, Markkanen 4-13 4-5 14, LaVine 13-24 3-4 32, Satoransky 2-6 1-2 6, Gafford 0-2 0-0 0, Kornet 1-1 0-0 3, Hutchison 0-4 3-6 3, Arcidiacono 2-4 0-0 5, Harrison 1-1 0-0 2, Valentine 0-0 0-0 0, White 5-10 0-2 10. Totals 41-92 12-21 108.
NEW ORLEANS (123)
Hart 4-8 3-4 13, Ingram 7-19 11-12 29, Favors 5-6 2-2 12, Ball 4-11 3-4 11, Redick 7-14 4-4 24, Hayes 7-10 0-0 14, Melli 1-4 1-1 3, Alexander-Walker 4-8 1-3 11, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 2-7 1-2 6. Totals 41-87 26-32 123.

Chicago	**21**	**27**	**27**	**33**	**— 108**
New Orleans	**23**	**25**	**44**	**31**	**— 123**

3-Point Goals-Chicago 14-35 (Dunn 3-6, LaVine 3-7, Young 3-7, Markkanen 2-8, Arcidiacono 1-2, Satoransky 1-2, White 0-2), New Orleans 15-44 (Redick 6-12, Ingram 4-11, Alexander-Walker 2-5, Hart 2-5, Moore 1-4, Melli 0-2, Ball 0-5). Fouled Out-Chicago 1 (Satoransky), New Orleans None. Rebounds-Chicago 39 (White, Young 6), New Orleans 50 (Hayes 12). Assists-Chicago 22 (Dunn 7), New Orleans 31 (Ingram 11). Total Fouls-Chicago 23, New Orleans 16. A-15,324 (16,867)

NHL

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
Boston	44	25	8	11	61	146 113
Tampa Bay	42	25	13	4	54	156 127
Toronto	45	24	15	6	54	162 145
Florida	43	22	16	5	49	153 146
Buffalo	43	19	17	7	45	127 135
Montreal	44	18	19	7	43	139 143
Ottawa	43	16	22	5	37	118 149
Detroit	44	11	30	3	25	96 168
Metropolitan Division						
Washington	45	30	10	5	65	163 133
N.Y. Islanders	42	27	12	3	57	120 108
Pittsburgh	43	26	12	5	57	146 116
Carolina	43	25	16	2	52	145 123
Philadelphia	44	23	15	6	52	140 136
Columbus	44	21	15	8	50	117 121
N.Y. Rangers	42	20	18	4	44	138 141
New Jersey	42	15	20	7	37	109 148
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
St. Louis	44	27	10	7	61	138 121
Colorado	44	25	15	4	54	159 130
Dallas	42	24	14	4	52	115 104
Winnipeg	44	24	16	4	52	137 134
Minnesota	43	20	17	6	46	133 144
Nashville	42	19	16	7	45	144 143
Chicago	44	19	19	6	44	128 143
Pacific Division						
Arizona	45	25	16	4	54	133 114
Vegas	46	24	16	6	54	147 137
Edmonton	45	23	17	5	51	137 142
Calgary	45	23	17	5	51	125 135
Vancouver	43	23	16	4	50	143 134
San Jose	45	19	22	4	42	121 151
Anaheim	43	17	21	5	39	113 136
Los Angeles	44	17	23	4	38	112 140

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Games
Carolina 5, Philadelphia 4, OT
Arizona 5, Florida 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 3, OT
Tampa Bay 9, Vancouver 2
Washington 6, Ottawa 1
Detroit 4, Montreal 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Colorado 3
Boston 6, Nashville 2
St. Louis 3, San Jose 2
Calgary 2, Chicago 1
Columbus 4, Anaheim 3
Pittsburgh 4, Vegas 3
Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 3, Washington 2
Winnipeg 4, Toronto 3, SO
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Today's Games
Winnipeg at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Florida, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Arizona at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Acquired C Eric Haase from Cleveland for cash considerations. Designated RHP Dario Agrazal for assignment.
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Extended the contract of Craig Counsell through the 2023 season.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with INF Asdrúbal Cabrera and 1B Eric Thames on one-year contracts.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed OF Isaac Benard to a contract extension.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed LHP Lars Liquori.
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed LHP Anthony Auletta to a contract extension. Signed RHP Brendan Butler, RHP Kevin Long, and RHP Hemly Suero.
NEW YORK BOULDERS — Signed RHP Tim Ponto to a contract extension.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RHP Junior Harding.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed OF Blake Adams, C Austin Biggar and INF Adam Sasser.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Golden State coach Steve Kerr $25,000 for verbally abusing a game official and failing to leave the court in a timely manner following an ejection during a Jan. 6 game against Sacramento. Fined New York Knicks F/C Bobby Portis $25,000 for recklessly making contact above the shoulders of an airborne shooter during a Jan. 7 game.
MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Gabe Vincent. Waived G Daryl Macon.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Announced the resignation of special teams coordinator John Fassel to take the same position with Dallas.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Named Joe Judge coach.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Extended the contract of DB Brian Walker.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled F Barrett Hayton.
CALGARY FLAMES — Agreed to terms with D Rasmus Andersson on a six-year contract extension.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED — Re-signed G Earl Edwards Jr., through the 2020 season.
LOS ANGELES FC — Signed D Tristan Blackmon to a three-year contract extension through the 2022 season, with a club option for 2023.
MEMPHIS 901 FC — Named Tim Howard sporting director.
National Women's Soccer League
HOUSTON DASH — Acquired F Katie Stengel and the 22nd overall draft pick from Utah Royals FC for Houston's natural second-round picks in the 2020 and 2021 NWSL College Drafts.
SKY BLUE FC — Acquired F Margaret "Midge" Purce and the natural 2021 first round draft pick from Portland Thorns FC for MF Raquel "Rocky" Rodriguez.
COLLEGE
BIG 12 CONFERENCE — Fined West Virginia coach Bob Huggins $10,000 for referring to an officiating crew as "three blind mice" after a Jan. 4 loss at Kansas.
ALBANY (NY) — Named Vic Cegles as deputy athletic director and Leslie Moore as associate athletic director for facilities, scheduling and game operations.
EAST CAROLINA — Announced the retirement of defensive line coach Jeff Hanson.
GEORGIA — QB Jake Fromm announced he will enter the NFL draft.
MINNESOTA — S Antoine Winfield Jr. announced he will enter the NFL draft.
OREGON STATE — Signed football coach Jonathan Smith to a three-year contract extension through the 2025 season.
PITTSBURGH — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Jeff Capel on a two-year contract extension through the 2026-27 season.
SAN DIEGO STATE — Announced the retirement of Rocky Long football coach. Promoted defensive line coach Brady Hoke to football coach.
WISCONSIN — C Tyler Biadasz announced he will enter the NFL draft.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BOWLING

COLOMA 22, BRONSON 8

Team totals — Coloma 1597, Bronson 1457.
Baker games — Coloma 174, Bronson 155; Coloma 155, Bronson 142.
Coloma individuals (two games) — Carissa Richmond 412, Ashley Ikerd 356, Morgan Hosbein 315, Madison McQuillan 284, Eadie Needham 230.
Note — Both Coloma (Division 3) and Bronson (Division 4) are defending state champions.

BOYS BOWLING

COLOMA 22, BRONSON 8

Team totals — Coloma 1624, Bronson 1442.
Baker games — Coloma 170, Bronson 145; Bronson 151, Coloma 136.
Coloma individuals — Two games: Jonathan Swetay 381, Nick Santarlas 316, Charlie Cullitan 315. One game: Riley Davis 171, Noah Blankenship 170, Damian Gomez 145, Ryan Wilson 126.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BRANDYWINE 61, FENNVILLE 49

BRANDYWINE (61)
Kendall Chrismon 8 3-4 19, Caleb Byrd 5 4-4 15, Jordan Abrams 3 0-0 8, Shane Brown 3 0-1 7, Jacob Fox 2 0-0 4, Micheal Cole 1 1-1 3, Gabe Gouin 1 0-0 2, Brock Prienkert 0 0-2 0. Totals: 23 11-18 61.
FENNVILLE (49)
Brady Peterson 6 1-2 14, Ben Peterson 5 0-0 12, Dylan Schut 3 0-0 6, Josh Parcher 2 0-0 6, Tyler Schut 3 0-0 6, Carlos Sanchez 2 0-0 5. Totals: 21 1-2 49.

Brandywine	**13**	**7**	**17**	**24**	**– 61**
Fennville	**12**	**10**	**10**	**17**	**– 49**

3-point goals – Fennville 6 (Parcher 2, Ben Peterson 2, Brody Peterson, Sanchez), Brandywine 4 (Abrams 2, Brown, Byrd). Total fouls – Brandywine 8, Fennville 18. Fouled out – Jordan Pena. Technical fouls – Fennville team. Records – Brandywine 5-0, Fennville 4-1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

COLOMA 46, BRIDGMAN 16

COLOMA (46)
Megan Neubecker 6 0-0 12, Megan Koenigshof 5 1-2 11, Vanessa Crisenberry 4 0-0 10, Adian Allman 3 1-2 9, Marissa Sherbern 0 2-2 2, Amaria Echols 1 0-0 2. 19 4-6 46.
BRIDGMAN (16)
Olivia Tomlin 3 0-0 6, Mackenzie Norris 1 2-8 4, Jalynn Krieger 1 0-2 2, Sam Rydnelski 0 2-6 2, Arie Hackett 0 1-2 1, Bri Russell 1-3 1. Totals 5 6-21 16.

Coloma	12	17	5	12	– 46
Bridgman	2	0	7	7	– 16

3-point goals – Coloma 4 (Crisenberry 2, Allman 2). Total fouls – Coloma 18, Bridgman 10. Fouled out – None. Technicals – None. Records – Coloma 1-6, Bridgman 1-7.

Top-ranked Barty upset in Australia

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — World No. 1 Ash Barty's new year has started with an upset loss to American qualifier Jennifer Brady.

The 53rd-ranked Brady, who has no WTA tournament victories, beat French Open champion Barty on her home court at Pat Rafter Arena 6-4, 7-6 (4) on Thursday.

It was a second-round match for both players but Barty had received a first-round bye. Brady had beaten wild-card entry Maria Sharapova in the first round in three sets.

It's the first time in three matches the 24-year-old Brady has defeated Barty, who was guilty of multiple unforced errors throughout the match.

Brady's baseline game was crucial to the win, swinging hard throughout with a rusty Barty unable to break the American's rhythm.

Brady won the opening set in 36 minutes, securing the only break of serve of the match in the seventh game of the set. Barty failed to get close to breaking Brady's serve throughout and couldn't force the match into a third set after a 55-minute second set.

Barty has failed to get past the second round in five appearances at the Brisbane International.

PERLES

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Perles was forced to give up the AD job in 1992 and was fired as coach late in the 1994 season with the team on the way to a 5-6 finish. After an outside investigation, Peter McPherson, then the school president, said the Spartans would forfeit their games because of an academic scandal. The NCAA cleared Perles.

"I would never have stayed at Michigan State if I knew there could be so much conflict about it, or that my staying could somehow hurt the school," he said in his book, "George Perles: The Ride of a Lifetime," published in 1995. "I would have taken the job with Green Bay (in 1988) or with the Jets (in 1990) if I had known what was coming."

Nick Saban, a former assistant took over as Michigan State coach after Perles.

"He was one of my mentors in this profession, and he gave me my first opportunity to be in a position of leadership as the defensive coordinator at Michigan State," said Saban, now Alabama's head coach. "I learned an incredible amount of both football and life from him over the years."

Perles stayed in Michigan for the rest of his life and helped create the Motor City Bowl, using his charm to get the three major automakers to team up as sponsors for the postseason game.

"In addition to being a great Spartan, he was a problem solver," said Ken Hoffman, who was a sports information director at Michigan State and also became executive director of the bowl. "Whenever there was an issue, he found a way."

Perles was elected to the Michigan State Board of Trustees in 2006 and was re-elected eight years later. He resigned in November 2018, citing his age and his struggles with Parkinson's disease.

Perles was born and raised in Detroit, where he lived in a one-bedroom apartment with his parents. He attended Western High School and starred on the baseball and football teams.

He went to the University of Tennessee to play football but lasted only a semester, transferring to Florida State but moving back quickly to the Motor City. He joined the Army in 1954 and enlisted for two years before heading to Michigan State.

Shortly after he was eligible to play in 1958 for coach Duffy Daugherty, Perles — a lineman — had a career-ending knee injury and accepted an offer to be a student assistant. After stints coaching prep football in Chicago and suburban Detroit, he was an assistant at the University of Dayton for two years before returning to be an assistant for Daugherty in 1967.

Steelers coach Chuck Noll hired him to coach defensive linemen in 1972. Hall of Fame defensive tackle Joe Greene recalled how Perles asked players for their ideas.

Greene remembered suggesting to Perles during the 1974 season that he line up in an inside gap instead of slanting into it. That led to the Stunt 4-3, a staple of one of the NFL's great defenses known as the Steel Curtain.

HAUGH

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Not until the Cubs get a Bryant decision can they consider any major moves. The Cubs expect news within the next week or so but privately have acknowledged frustration with the drawn-out process.

If an arbitrator rules in favor of Bryant and declares him a free agent at the end of 2020, he will, in theory, become harder to trade with free agency looming next winter. If the ruling sides with the Cubs, Bryant's contract will continue to run through 2021 — an attractive two seasons of control for potential trade partners.

For those of us who believe the Cubs would be making a mistake trading Bryant — still among baseball's top 25 players, in my book — the team could win by losing the grievance. Forfeiting an extra year of control would sting Cubs president Theo Epstein but also would make teams more unwilling to give up top prospects for a lone season of Bryant.

The best possible outcome for a Cubs team serious about contending involves them striking a long-term contract extension with Bryant back-loaded with big money. But, alas, that also appears the most remote result. Too much contentious history exists between the team and agent Scott Boras, who represents Bryant, to stake much hope on that possibility.

If Bryant indeed loves Chicago and wishes to spend his entire career with the Cubs, now would be the time for him to remind Boras that the agent works for the player — before it's too late and Bryant becomes an ex-Cub. Consider that the Cubs also could keep Bryant regardless of any ruling and re-evaluate everything around the All-Star break when teams in the trade market often show more desperation for impact players.

Whenever the Bryant domino falls, it could trigger a series of moves made within a payroll the Cubs will try to keep under the luxury-tax threshold of $206 million. With baseball's third-highest payroll in 2019, according to Spotrac.com, the Cubs paid a $7.6 million penalty for exceeding the limit.

As a result, they strive to avoid becoming a repeat offender that carries heavier penalties — and the threat of penalizing the Cubs through the amateur draft always looms. In a detailed analysis of the Cubs' luxury-tax dilemma, Brett Taylor of Bleacher Nation estimated that the team could face as much $25 million in additional cost if it goes over the luxury tax again in 2020. That's not a number easily dismissed.

That said, it won't be easy for Epstein to avoid going over the tax in 2020 even after shedding as much as $60 million in contractual commitments to players such as Cole Hamels ($20 million), Ben Zobrist ($14 million) and others. At some point, too, Epstein figures to approach Chairman Tom Ricketts for funds necessary to fill pressing needs — outfielder Nick Castellanos? — but the Cubs will be more frugal than many expected for the second straight winter.

Arbitration awards means raises for players such Bryant — who's expected to make $18.5 million — Javier Baez and Willson Contreras. Pitchers Yu Darvish ($22 million), Jon Lester ($20 million), Craig Kimbrel ($16 million) and Tyler Chatwood ($13 million) still are expensive. So is outfielder Jason Heyward ($23 million), the ultimate albatross.

This is what happens when teams fail to draft and develop their own starting pitchers, the biggest blot of Epstein's Cubs resume. Having to buy starting pitching during Maddon's tenure has caught up to the Cubs. It's like an NFL team forced to make tough roster choices once its franchise quarterback's rookie contract expires. Not everybody can get paid, not every hole can be filled.

Practically, everything hinges on a grievance that has taken far too long to settle.

David Haugh is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

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Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right and Russia's President Vladimir Putin, left, talk after they symbolically open a valve during a ceremony in Istanbul for the inauguration of the TurkStream pipeline on Wednesday. The Man in the center is an interpreter.The dual natural gas line connecting the countries will open up a new export path for Russian gas into Turkey and Europe, through new and existing lines.

U.S. allies see Mideast strategy vacuum that Putin can fill

By LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

PARIS — He was the leader on the world stage, visiting troops stationed in a far-flung war zone for the holidays, shoring up alliances and economic deals in the Mideast, requesting a meeting with the German chancellor in his capital, portraying himself and his country as reliable partners in an increasingly uncertain world.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has had a busy week, stepping into the aftermath of the American drone strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani. Putin's visit Tuesday to Syria was emblematic of a reality that has been playing out in recent months: The U.S. strategic position in the Middle East is a mystery to many of its allies, and Russia is more than ready to fill any vacuum.

The shift has, in many ways, left U.S. allies in a bind – or turning to Russia themselves in search of a partner.

Putin was the first world leader French President Emmanuel Macron spoke with just after learning about the drone strike on Friday. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, meanwhile, is traveling to the Kremlin to discuss the crisis in the Mideast.

Canada, Denmark and Germany moved their troops in Iraq to safety, as did NATO, which has forces stationed there as part of the international coalition against the Islamic State group. There was no sign that any had been warned by the Trump administration of the drone strike. Coalition activities froze, and NATO's secretary-general described the killing as "a U.S. decision. It is not a decision taken by either the global coalition nor NATO. But all allies are concerned about Iran's destabilizing activities in the region."

The base targeted in northern Iraq was filled with coalition troops.

Putin offered an alternative to perceived chaos.

"Unfortunately, the situation in the region we are in tends to escalate. But Turkey and Russia are demonstrating different examples – examples of cooperation for the sake of our nations and all of Europe," he said Wednesday in Turkey.

Israel, which has criticized the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, has been quiet about the drone strike aside from a brief statement of praise from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, seemingly disinclined to escalate an already volatile situation between its closest ally and its sworn enemy. Trump's first face to face meeting with an ally came Monday with the Saudi deputy defense minister, Khalid bin Salman. But he didn't confirm it until a day later, after the prince revealed it in a tweet.

"We discussed Trade, Military, Oil Prices, Security, and Stability in the Middle East!" Trump tweeted.

The American president spoke by phone with Macron on Sunday and with Merkel on Tuesday.

Putin's travel plans have continued apace. His visit to Russian troops for the Orthodox Christmas came unannounced, as was his meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who owes his continued rule to a combination of Russian and Iranian intervention. The message was unmistakable.

"Even NATO's Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, always ready to play along with the U.S., found it necessary to distance himself from the killing of the Iranian general by saying that the U.S. made this decision without NATO's involvement. So Washington's attempts to ex post facto shore up their European allies failed," Alexei Pushkov, lawmaker in Russia's upper house of parliament, wrote in a tweet Tuesday.

He added, "It's emblematic that right in the middle of a pre-war crisis around Iran Merkel is heading to talks with Putin and not Trump. There is no point in talks with Trump."

Defense Secretary Mark Esper refused to say whether Trump had warned allies before the strike: "I'm not going to get into the details of our consultations."

Stoltenberg said several U.S. briefers explained the "rationale" behind the Trump administration's decision to kill Soleimani, but he declined to provide details or timing.

Trump campaigned on an "America First" policy and long has said he wants to reduce U.S. involvement in foreign wars in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

But his decision to bomb pro-Iranian militias and then to kill Iran's best-known general in a missile strike outside Baghdad's airport caught Middle Eastern and European allies unaware and confused. Since then, the U.S. also has given off conflicting signals on its intentions to exit Iraq even while it deploys more troops immediately for protection against a possible Iranian response.

Amelie de Montchalin, a top French diplomat, told lawmakers Wednesday that France's solidarity was based solely on the international coalition against the Islamic State group.

"This was a decision made by the United States without consulting France for national security reasons, and it's therefore an American initiative and it's their sole responsibility," Montchalin said.

The administration has held up Soleimani's death as a master stroke that eliminated a region-wide troublemaker and saved American lives. Trump insisted that the United States would leave Iraq eventually, but that the Iraqi people wanted American soldiers to remain: "At some point we want to get out but this isn't the right point."

Putin's trip to Turkey was planned a month ago, even if its timing this week was fortuitous. And his visit to Damascus was simply a continuation of the Kremlin's growing reach in the Mideast and the diminishing sway of the United States, said Marc Pierini, a former EU ambassador to Turkey and a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe. Merkel's trip to the Kremlin was scheduled late last month, but Iran has always been the main topic on the agenda.

"Putin doesn't need to do much. He's just watching. Everything you've seen for the past year or so, since December 2018 when Trump first announced the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria, everything has gone the Kremlin's way. There's not much to do, there's nothing to activate. The Russian policy in that region has been to talk to everybody, to capitalize on an American vacuum," Pierini said.

The December 2018 announcement was widely criticized as an American abandonment of its Kurdish allies, who fought alongside U.S. forces against the Islamic State group in northeast Syria. After U.S. forces withdrew, Turkey launched an offensive and the Kurds turned to Russia and the Syrian government for protection. It was a Russian deal with Turkey that ended the invasion. What little presence the U.S. military retains in Syria depends heavily upon logistical support from its bases in Iraq, and the outgoing Iraqi prime minister said Tuesday that American forces must leave.

"We have no exit but this," said Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi, "otherwise we are speeding toward confrontation."

Puerto Ricans left homeless after biggest quake in century

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

GUANICA, Puerto Rico — Cars, cots and plastic chairs became temporary beds for hundreds of families who lost their homes in southwest Puerto Rico as a flurry of earthquakes struck the island, one of them the strongest in a century.

The magnitude 6.4 quake that struck before dawn on Tuesday killed one person, injured nine others and knocked out power across the U.S. territory. More than 250,000 Puerto Ricans remained without water on Wednesday and another half a million without power, which also affected telecommunications.

In addition, more than 1,000 people were staying in government shelters in the island's southwest region as U.S. President Donald Trump declared an emergency and Puerto Rico Gov. Wanda Vázquez activated the National Guard.

The hardest hit municipality was the southwest coastal town of Guánica. More than 200 people had taken shelter in a gymnasium after a quake on Monday, only for the latest shake to damage that structure – forcing them to sleep outside.

Among them was 80-year-old Lupita Martínez, who sat in the dusty parking lot with her 96-year-old husband by her side. He was sleeping in a makeshift bed, a dark blue coat covering him.

"There's no power. There's no water. There is nothing. This is horrible," Martínez said.

The couple was alone, lamenting that their caretaker had disappeared and was not answering their calls. Like many Puerto Ricans affected by the quake, they had children in the U.S. mainland who urged them to move there, at least until the earth stops shaking.

While officials said it was too early to estimate the total damage caused by the string of quakes that began the night of Dec. 28, they said hundreds of homes and businesses in the southwest region were damaged or destroyed. Just in Guánica, a town of roughly 15,000 people, nearly 150 homes were affected by the quake, along with three schools, including one three-story structure whose first two floors were completely flattened.

In Guánica itself, "We are confronting a crisis worse than Hurricane Maria," said Mayor Santos Seda, referring to the 2017 storm that devastated the island . "I am asking for empathy from the federal government."

He said officials believe the homes of 700 families in his municipality are close to collapsing.

Tuesday's quake was the strongest to hit Puerto Rico since October 1918, when a magnitude 7.3 quake struck near the island's northwest coast, unleashing a tsunami and killing 116 people.

More than 950 quakes and aftershocks have been recorded in the area of Tuesday night's event since Dec. 31, though most were too weak to be felt, according to U.S. Geologic Survey.

The USGS said that while it's virtually certain there will be many aftershocks in the next week, the chance of a magnitude 6 quake – similar to Tuesday's – or stronger is around 22 percent.

In Guánica, some people dragged mattresses outside their homes or set up small tents.

Authorities were trying to figure out where to shelter them all as they handed out blankets, food and water to families gathered at the gymnasium for a second night in a row. Many had their belongings in large garbage bags as they sat haphazardly on unstable plastic chairs. Some slept. Others cradled their dogs and many simply stared listlessly into the distance. One elderly man spent an entire day in his wheelchair, refusing to lay down on a cot.

Meanwhile, a handful of people slept in their cars, in chairs or on the ground as cots ran out.

"Now I'm afraid of the house," said 49-year-old Lourdes Guilbe as she wiped away tears and confided that she felt overwhelmed caring for the nearly dozen relatives gathered around her, including her more than 90-year-old grandfather, who sat in a wheelchair wearing green pajamas and socks.

Guilbe said her home is cracked and her daughter's home collapsed, so they weren't sure where they would live in upcoming days.

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Store owners and family help remove supplies from Ely Mer Mar hardware store, which partially collapsed after an earthquake struck Guanica, Puerto Rico on Tuesday. A 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck Puerto Rico before dawn on Tuesday, killing one man, injuring others and collapsing buildings in the southern part of the island.

Jason Patinkin / AP

South Sudan's First Vice President Taban Deng Gai speaks to the Media after being sworn in at the presidential palace in Juba, South Sudan in 2016. The United States issued a statement on Wednesday announcing that it has imposed sanctions on South Sudan's First Vice President Taban Deng Gai, citing his involvement in serious human rights abuses.

U.S. sanctions South Sudan's vice president over abuses

By CARA ANNA
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — The United States on Wednesday imposed sanctions on South Sudan's First Vice President Taban Deng Gai, citing his involvement in serious human rights abuses.

It is one of the sharpest actions taken by the U.S. against South Sudan's government amid Washington's frustration over the country's failure to achieve a stable peace after its civil war.

The Treasury Department statement asserted that Deng was involved in the disappearance and deaths of human rights lawyer Samuel Dong Luak and opposition member Aggrey Idry in 2017. It also asserted that he has acted to divide the armed opposition in South Sudan, extending the country's five-year civil war that killed nearly 400,000 people.

South Sudan's government could not immediately be reached for comment.

The U.S. is among the countries pressuring South Sudan's rival leaders to form a coalition government. A deadline for that looms next month after the parties failed to make one in November.

More than 50 days into the 100-day extension, the U.S. statement said, "there have been no concrete steps to create the security conditions conducive to implementing a peace deal." It added that the U.S. "will continue to apply pressure on the senior leadership of South Sudan to take concrete measures to bring peace and stability to the country."

The U.S., which backed the fight for South Sudan's independence from Sudan, achieved in 2011, has been increasingly frustrated by the inability of President Salva Kiir and rival Riek Machar to reach a lasting peace.

"Today's action represents a significant and important ratcheting up of U.S. financial pressure designed to break the impasse in South Sudan and hold those impeding peace accountable," John Prendergast, co-founder of The Sentry, said in a statement. The Washington-based investigative group has often reported on alleged corruption by South Sudanese officials.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change will motivate you to explore new possibilities. Discuss your plans with people who have something real to offer. Stagnation and uncertainty are the enemy. A passionate approach is favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stick to your plan. If someone wants to make an impulsive move, refuse to get taken along for the ride. Concentrate on making physical improvements to your looks, surroundings or lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rethink the way you want to live. Figure out who puts a smile on your face and who costs you emotionally, financially and mentally, and seek the people who bring you peace of mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Look at what's available to you. Size up the consequence of your actions should you make a hasty move. Time is on your side, so slow down and think matters through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you take control, you'll have no regrets. Refuse to let stressful situations continue to plague you. Taking care of your mental and emotional well-being is necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's OK to show off if you have something worthwhile to present. Charm your way into a situation that will give you the platform you need to advance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Channel your emotional energy into something special. Open up about your plans and discuss your intentions with someone you want to get to know better. A creative outlet will ease stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Live in the moment, learn all you can and make exciting, inspirational plans. Romance is in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you want something to happen, be an instigator. Participate in functions that will allow you to converse with people who can help you bring about the changes you want to see unfold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make a physical effort to bring about changes that will improve your life, surroundings and future. Walk away from people making demands and seek out individuals offering assistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try something new and exciting. A change will be useful for you, and the people you encounter along the way will spark your imagination and encourage new beginnings.

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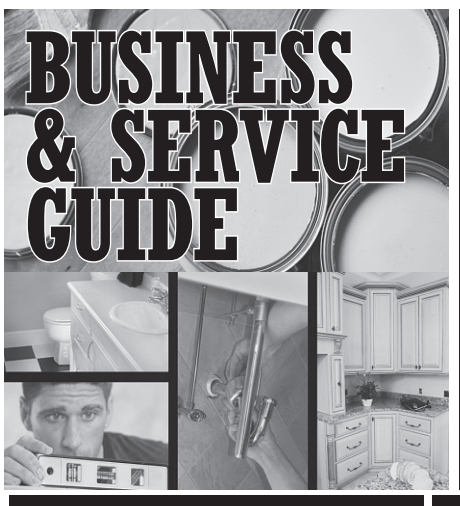

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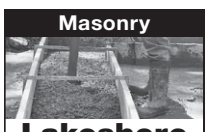

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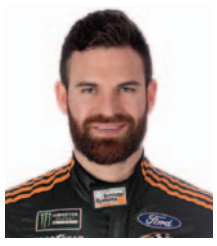
Oh the joy, more LaJoie: Go Fas Racing (GFR) recently announced that Corey LaJoie will continue as driver of the No. 32 Ford Mustang for the 2020 Cup Series season, looking to continue improvement of their program with the addition of a technical alliance with Stewart-Haas Racing. LaJoie, 28, concluded his first full-time Cup season in 2019 by recording career-high statistics, including two top-10 finishes and seven top-20s.



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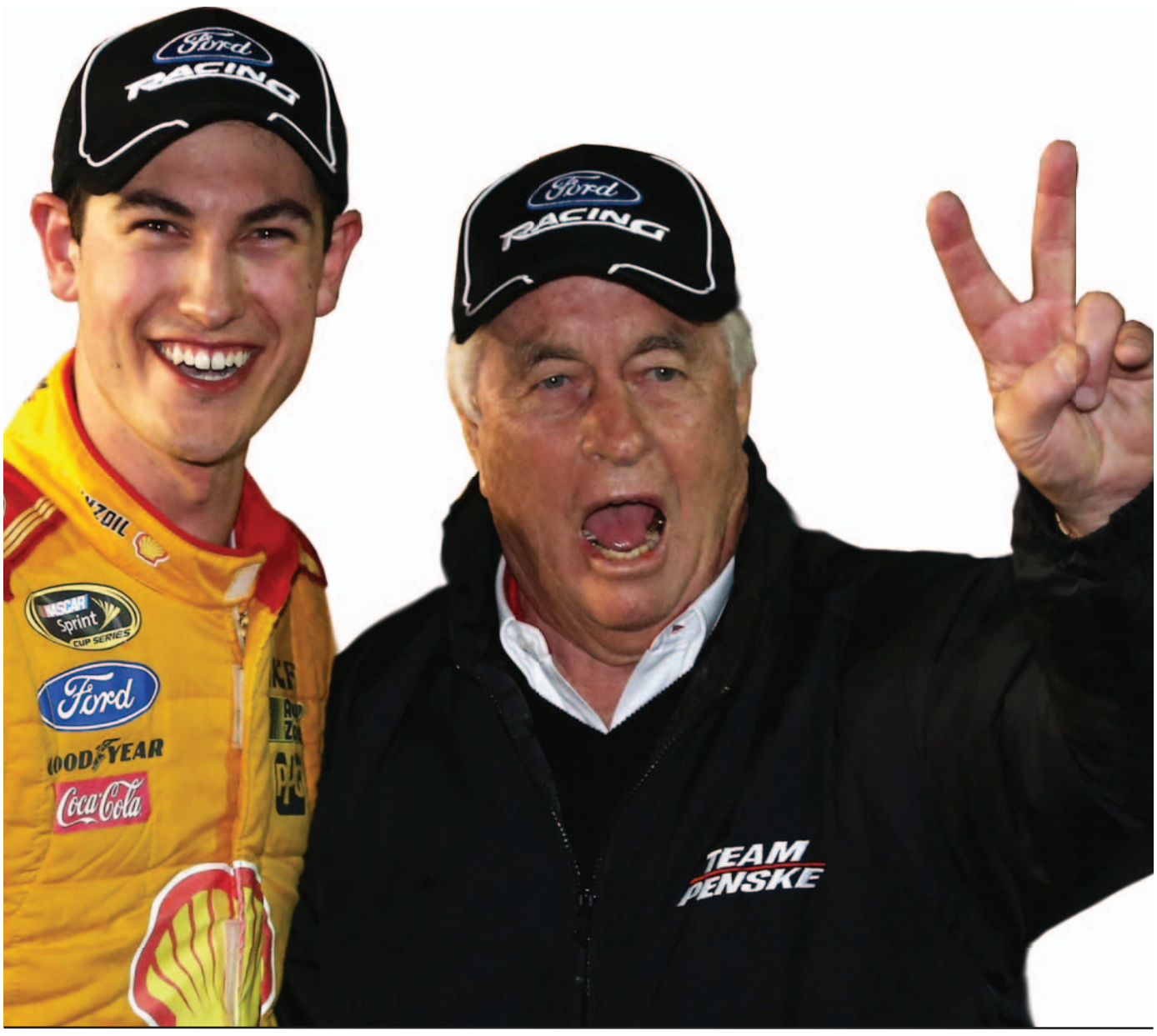

TODD WARSHAW FOR NASCAR

Joey Logano in Victory Lane with team owner Roger Penske.

Team Penske is never afraid to stir things up

Team Penske today announced changes to the organization's three NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) teams that will chart a new direction for the upcoming 2020 season.

Team Penske will reposition its existing winning crew chief lineups across its NCS program as crew chief Paul Wolfe will work with Joey Logano and the No. 22 Ford Mustang team, crew chief Todd Gordon will transition to the No. 12 with Ryan Blaney and crew chief Jeremy Bullins will be paired with Brad Keselowski on the No. 2 Ford Mustang. The road and pit crews will follow their respective crew chiefs to their new positions while the spotters that have been paired with Keselowski, Logano and Blaney will remain with their current drivers.

"As we do after the completion of each season, we evaluated what we can do to better achieve our goals and we felt it was time to make these changes to better position us to reach our potential," said Roger Penske. "We are fortunate that we have three very strong leaders in Paul, Todd and Jeremy, who work with experienced and talented crews. Pairing each of these winning teams with different drivers and cars should provide new energy and a fresh approach for the 2020 season."

All three Team Penske teams won races and qualified for the 2019 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs with Keselowski advancing to the Round of 12 and Logano and Blaney to the Round of 8 last season. Wolfe, Gordon and Bullins all have NASCAR championship pedigrees with Team Penske as Wolfe claimed the 2012 Cup Series crown with Keselowski and the No. 2 team, Gordon won the 2018 NCS title with Logano and the No. 22 Ford team and Bullins led the No. 22 Ford team to the Xfinity Series owner's championship in both 2013 and 2014.

Keselowski and Wolfe had been one of the longest-established pairings in the NASCAR garage, dating back their run to the Xfinity Series championship in 2010. The two had been paired together for the last nine seasons at the NASCAR Cup Series level, accumulating 29 victories and the 2012 series championship.

Gordon and Logano had been paired together since 2013, Logano's first year with the Penske organization. Together, they teamed up for 21 wins and a march to the 2018 series crown.

Blaney and Bullins had worked with each other on at least a part-time basis since 2012, when Blaney first entered the Xfinity Series. Their pairing in the Cup Series spanned a three-year stint with the Wood Brothers (2015-17) and the last two seasons with Team Penske. The Blaney-Bullins combination has yielded three Cup Series victories, one in each of the last three seasons. Bullins also has 21 Xfinity Series wins spread among a group of Penske drivers.

The adjustments within the team will take effect immediately with the new lineups in place for the start of the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series season and the Clash at Daytona on Sunday, Feb. 9, followed by the Duel races on Feb. 13 and the Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 16 (2:30 pm ET on FOX).

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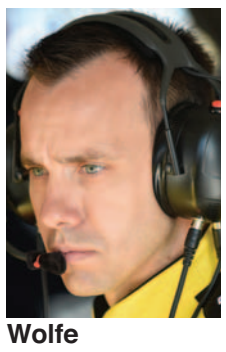
Bullins

Gordon



Wolfe

The new alignment

• No. 2 Ford: Brad Keselowski, the operation's senior-most driver, will work with crew chief Jeremy Bullins.
• No. 12 Ford: Ryan Blaney will be paired with crew chief Todd Gordon.
• No. 22 Ford: Joey Logano will have veteran crew chief Paul Wolfe atop his pit box.

New crew chief Jerry Baxter (from left), NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard "The King" Petty and driver Bubba Wallace.

Petty move for racing veteran Jerry Baxter

Richard Petty Motorsports (RPM) announced this week that Jerry Baxter will join the organization as crew chief of the No. 43 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 1LE driven by Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr., in the NASCAR Cup Series.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Baxter is no stranger to teaming with Wallace, as the pair worked together for two seasons dating back to Wallace's time in the Truck Series. It was with Baxter that Wallace finished third in the Truck Series driver point standings in 2014. As a duo, Wallace and Baxter have amassed five victories, 14 top-five finishes and 25 top-10 finishes while leading 963 laps collectively, as well as securing three pole awards.

"During our time together, he trusted what I did as a crew chief, and trusted himself more and more, and we got better and better as we went," Baxter said. "This is an incredible opportunity, and change is good. Having the confidence of Bubba and everyone at Richard Petty Motorsports means a lot to me. I am excited about working with Bubba again, and the foundation Richard Petty Motorsports has in place with their group of guys."

Since 2012, Baxter served as a crew chief in Trucks, building strong foundations for many careers. Most recently, Baxter spent the season on top of the pit box for the Truck Series champion, collecting four wins en route to championship contention in 2019.

"The 2020 NASCAR Cup Series season is a crucial year for Richard Petty Motorsports," Wallace said. "As a team, we have made a ton of progress from my debut in 2018, and we are looking to continue that progress with Jerry calling the shots.

"He has been a great mentor, and even better friend, since we were able to work together in 2013 and 2014. I am excited to see him get this opportunity in the NASCAR Cup Series, and use our past success to take this team to new levels."

With 34 years of experience as a crew chief in NASCAR, Baxter has been atop the pit box in the Cup Series, Xfinity Series, and the Truck Series. He has scored victories in two of the top three series with nine drivers, including Wallace. In 2007 Baxter led his team to a runner-up finish for the NASCAR Xfinity Series championship and guided David Reutimann to his first-career victory.

In 2015, as a California native, Baxter was inducted into the West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame.

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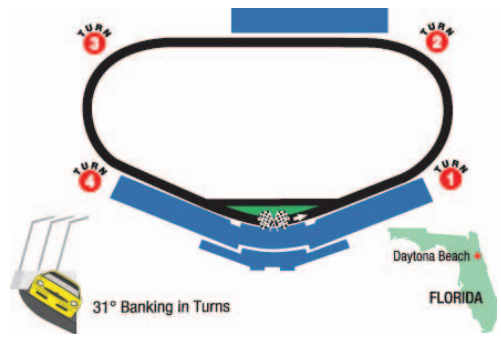
NEXT RACE



DAYTONA 500

Distance: 200 laps, or 500 miles.
Where: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile, asphalt tri-oval in Daytona Beach, Fla.
When: 2:30 p.m. ET Sunday, Feb. 16. **TV:** FOX
Radio: Motor Racing Network.
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin.

Xfinity: Briscoe back with Stewart-Haas

After winning the 2019 Xfinity rookie-of-the-year title, Chase Briscoe will race for an Xfinity championship in 2020 as he returns to Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR).

Briscoe is a two-time winner in Xfinity, with both victories coming in SHR Ford Mustangs. The 25-year-old from Mitchell, Ind., finished fifth in the championship standings in 2019, earning a berth in the Playoffs with a win, two poles and 13 top-five and 26 top-10 finishes in his first full season of Xfinity Series competition.

"This is the first time I'll be able to run back-to-back, full seasons with the same team, and I couldn't be happier to do it with Stewart-Haas Racing," said Briscoe, a development driver with Ford Performance. "Their faith in me means a lot, and I want to reward them and Ford with more wins and a run for the championship."

"We are thrilled to continue Chase's development program with a second full season running the Xfinity Series for Stewart-Haas Racing," said Mark Rushbrook, global director, Ford Performance Motorsports. "Chase has proven himself well so far and we're looking forward to continuing his progression as he competes for an Xfinity Series championship for SHR and Ford."

BRIAN LAWDERMILK FOR NASCAR

Chase Briscoe, driver of the #98 Ford Performance Ford, celebrates with the Pole Award after qualifying for the Xfinity Drive for the Cure 250 at Charlotte Motor Speedway last September.

Briscoe is a third-generation racer whose career began on dirt tracks in and around Indiana. Since he was 13, Briscoe has followed in his grandfather's and father's footsteps, racing sprint cars on the rough and tumble bullrings of the Midwest. It's a lineage that makes Briscoe a natural fit for SHR, as the Xfinity Series team is co-owned by three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Tony Stewart, an Indiana native who also began his career on dirt.

"We're very proud to have Chase back with Stewart-Haas Racing," said Stewart, who co-owns SHR with Haas Automation founder Gene Haas. "Chase is an Indiana kid with a dirt-track background who has shown he can race on asphalt as well as he can on dirt. We think very highly of him and look forward to a strong season in 2020."

Briscoe has thrived in his transition to NASCAR, which began after a six-win campaign in the 2016 ARCA Racing Series earned him the championship by a whopping 535 points. He advanced to the NASCAR Truck Series in 2017, earning four poles and winning the season-ending Ford EcoBoost 200 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Briscoe's 10 top-five and 14 top-10 finishes allowed him to make the playoffs, finish sixth in points and score the series' rookie-of-the-year and most popular driver awards.

Briscoe earned his first career Xfinity victory Sept. 29, 2018, in just his 14th career start when he won the inaugural race at the Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway Roval.

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hp ENTERTAINMENT

‘Funk for your health’

Traverse City-based Medicinal Groove visits The Livery

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — On and off since 2011, a Traverse City-based funk band has been aiming to make people feel good.

“Funk music is pretty self explanatory. You immediately know what to do and feel when you hear it,” guitarist-singer Matt McCalpin said during a recent phone interview. “But when it came to the lyrical content, what we’re writing down are words to better people, or lift them up, encourage them and motivate them.”

The band, Medicinal Groove, will perform tomorrow night at The Livery in Benton Harbor.

This “feel good” theme has driven the four-man band to brand their music as “funk for your health.”

“It’s this medicinal concept for anyone who needs it,” McCalpin said.

Photos provided

Medicinal Groove, a Traverse City-based funk band, will make its debut at The Livery on Friday night.

McCalpin, along with Rick Burgess on drums, Jordan Moeggenberg on bass and Jimmy Olson on keys/vocals, have worked the last couple of years to perfect their sound. They released a new album, “Fresh Take,” in November.

“We reached a point we didn’t think the band would continue, because we all moved to different places,” McCalpin said. “But during the last few years, we all came back together in Traverse City and immediately started work on brand new material, and working hard on the album, and just getting our sound tightened up.”

He described the new album as different from their older stuff, but a little more focused.

Medicinal Groove’s older albums include “Minuscule Fuzz” in 2011, “Soul Fishin’” in 2012, “Modern Daze” in 2013, and “Live At Studio Anatomy” in 2014.

“We were all across the board style wise back in the day,” McCalpin said. “Which is still OK to do, but now we have a refined thing going on. It’s funk songs we’re after. We do a lot more singing, while we did a lot more instrumental music before. We decided it’s better for us to write songs that are a little more accessible to people and more unique.”

A West Michigan music site, localspins.com, recently reviewed “Fresh Take,” calling it “nine tracks of infectious grooves that showcase the group’s considerable instrumental prowess.”

McCalpin said Friday’s show will include most of the songs off the new album, along with a handful of songs from their older stuff, and brand new grooves that have yet to be released.

“Sometimes we’ll throw in covers if the room wants it,” he said. “We love The Meters. We play that kind of stuff. Anything from the big four mainly.”

McCalpin said he loves seeing people come out to their shows who go out with the intention of seeing live music.

“We’ve played small shows and large shows, every time you’re looking out to find at least one person who is enjoying themselves. That is the most fun part about being a performing musician,” he said.

He called performing “the final phase and celebration of what you’ve created.”

“We spend a lot of time working on stuff and crafting things,” he said, “and it’d all be kind of pointless if we couldn’t play it and share it for people.”

He said the band is excited to make it to The Livery for the first time.

“We’ve known about The Livery for a long time,” McCalpin said. “It’s going to be our first show of 2020. We’re super excited that it’s there.”

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IF YOU GO

Who: Medicinal Groove

When: 8:30 p.m. Friday

Where: The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor

How much: $10 suggested admission

More info: 925-8760 or liverybrew.com

Artist info: medicinalgroove.com

In brief

Box extends exhibit

ST. JOSEPH — The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., has extended the end date for its current exhibit, “Members’ Show: Inspired by the Greats.”

The show now will stay on display through Feb. 29.

The gallery is open from noon-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturday from now through March.

Tickets now on sale for Winter Delights

BENTON HARBOR — Tickets are now on sale for Lake Michigan College’s Winter Delights Festival at The Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

Doors for the Feb. 29 event open at 1 p.m.

Tickets are being sold in three tiers: Taste Faire passes (ages 21 and older) – $30 in advance/$35 day of the event; Mainstage passes – $30/$35; and all-access passes – $50/$60. Designated driver tickets for the Taste Faire are $20.

To purchase tickets, call the box office at 927-8700, option 1, or visit www.themendelcenter.com.

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Weekend Highlights

Steely Dan tribute band stops by The Acorn Theater

THREE OAKS — A new cover band with a growing following will stop by The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, on Saturday night.

Brooklyn Charmers, a Steely Dan tribute group, will make its Acorn debut at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The Chicago-based group is made up of Alex Zeravica on percussion, Colin Peterik on keys/vocals, Frank Minella on guitar/vocals, Kevin Campbell on bass/vocals and Sean Briskey on guitar/vocals.

Billed as “some of Chicago’s top players,” Brooklyn Charmers injects a new energy into Steely Dan’s catalog – bridging the gap between new and lifelong fans. They sold out their first live performance last year.

Steely Dan’s blend of rock and jazz, along with their hooks and lyrics, put them in another league in the eyes of critics and fans. Not known for extensive touring, they mastered the art of studio recording – sometimes spending years working on their next album.

Their prolific and consistent output throughout the 1970 cements them as classic rock royalty.

Tickets for Saturday’s show are $30 for general seating and $55 for reserved seating, which includes a $25 donation to The Acorn. Reserved seat donations are tax deductible.

Photo provided

Brooklyn Charmers will make their Acorn Theater debut on Saturday night.

For more information, or tickets, visit www.acornlive.org or call 756-3879.

Sunday Music Series presents ‘Aires Tropicales’

BERRIEN SPRINGS — An Andrews University woodwind quintet will continue the Andrews Sunday Music Series this weekend.

The quintet will present “Aires Tropicales,” a selection of music by Paquito D’Rivera, Malcom Arnold, Valerie Coleman and Claude Arrieu, that’s described at “delightful.”

The 4 p.m. performance will feature Andrews music professor Byron Graves on clarinet; Andrews graduates Pedro Falcón on oboe and Alexandra Castro on bassoon; and Andrews students Betania Cañas on flute and Erin Penrod on horn.

Andrews’ Sunday Music Series performances are presented at the Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive.

Admission is free.

For more information about the series, visit howard.andrews.edu/events or call the box office at 471-3560.

Foundry Hall continues jazz jams through winter

SOUTH HAVEN — Those looking to warm up with some jazz music can stop by Harbor Light Brewery on Sunday.

Foundry Hall and Harbor Light have partnered for the last few months to host Jim Cooper, a local jazz vibraphonist, for an evening of jazz performance and the opportunity for others to join in. The project even included an after-school jam workshop in October for high school jazz musicians.

It’s been decided to continue the performances through the dreary winter months with Sunday Jazz Jams. The 4-6 p.m., once a month event is described as a causal affair.

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Prime Time TV

THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 9

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N)		:02 Truth and Lies: Jeffrey Epstein A look at Jeffrey Epstein's life. (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 The Unicorn	:01 Mom (N) CC	Carol's-Act	Evil David is badly wounded. (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Perfect Harmony	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Last Man Standing (N) CC (DVS)		Deputy Bill refuses to stay out of the field.		:01 Fox 17 News at 10:00PM	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Little Women on Masterpiece CC		Father Brown Miscarriage of justice.		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural CC		Legacies CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. A hoarder is arrested.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural CC		Legacies CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 45	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ty and Amy's relationship.		Highway to Heaven "Song of Songs"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish "God"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 (N) CC		Alaska PD "Wild Wild West" (N) CC		60 Days In One participant drops out. (N)	
AMC	I Am Legend ('07)	Safe House ('12, Action) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds, Vera Farmiga. CC					Walk Among
Animal	Lone Star	:01 Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				:01 Lone Star Law	
BET	6:00 BET Star Cinema			BET Star Cinema			
Big Ten	Basket	Women's College Basketball				The B1G Story CC	
Bravo	Project Runway The designers recycle donated clothing. CC			Project Runway Designers pay homage to Cyndi Lauper. (N)			Watch What
Cartoon	Infinity	American	American	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:10 In Time	The Adjustment Bureau ('11, Suspense) Matt Damon, Emily Blunt. CC				9:50 The Darkest Minds ('18)	
CMT	Stepmom ('98) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon. CC						Miracles
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rescue	Homestead Rescue "Moose Mayhem"		:01 Reclaimed "Seeking Ore" CC		:01 Building Off the Grid (N) CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Rehab	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage
E!	Cavallari	Very Cavallari CC		Very Cavallari CC		Nightly	Cavallari
ESPN	Women's College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	6:00 Tennis Australian Open, men's final. From Jan. 29, 2017.						
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Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Big East
Freefrm	6:00 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides			Party of Five "Pilot" CC		Party of Five "Margin of Error" CC	
FX	5:30 Ted ('12)	Bad Moms ('16, Comedy) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn. CC				Bad Moms ('16) CC	
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf Sony Open in Hawaii, First Round. (N) (L)						Central
Hallmark	Last Brides	Love on the Sidelines ('16, Romance) Emily Kinney, John Reardon. CC				Winter Castle ('19) Emilie Ullerup.	
HBO	Seventh Son	Bruce Almighty ('03, Comedy) Jim Carrey. CC			:45 Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald ('18)		
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		:03 American Pickers	
HGTV	Hunters	Flip	Flip	Christina	Christina	Hunt Intl	Hunters
Learning	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	:00 Supernanny	Married at First Sight Past couples discuss current couples. (N) CC				Supernanny "Supersized: Corry Family"	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Floribama	Floribama Shore (N)		Ex on the Beach (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Pregame	NHL Hockey: Predators at Blackhawks				
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football AFC or NFC Wild Card: Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Musical	Sponge.	Sponge.	Kung Fu Panda ('08) CC			
NGEO	Animals	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	An Unexpected Killer A family is murdered.		Snapped "Donna Thorngren" CC		Snapped "Amy Van Wagner" CC	
Parmt	Two Men	The Hangover Part II ('11) Bradley Cooper.					Movie
Showtime	Shameless	Pavarotti ('19, Documentary) Bono. CC				The L Word: Generation Q "Labels"	
Starz	6:53 Good Will Hunting ('97) Matt Damon. CC			:01 Schindler's List ('93) Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley. CC			
STZENC	:03 Lethal Weapon 2 ('89, Action) Mel Gibson. CC			El Dorado ('67, Western) John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, James Caan. CC			
SyFy	Mad Max: Fury Road ('15, Action) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult. CC (DVS)					Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters	
TBS	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Brides Are Like	The Phenix City Story ('55) John McIntire, Richard Kiley. CC				I Am Some	:45 Gaslight
TMC	English Patient	The Singing Detective ('03) Robert Downey Jr., Robin Wright Penn. CC				The Shadow ('94) CC	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Celtics at 76ers				NBA Basketball		
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	5:30 Bad Boys	Bad Boys II ('03, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. CC (DVS)					
VH1	Hip Hop	Black Ink: Chicago		Black Ink: Chicago		Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC

Couple is target of ridicule for their healthy lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: We need advice about how to respond to friends and family who poke fun or show disdain because of our healthy lifestyle. We are in our 60s. We rarely eat out, and when we do, we avoid fast food. We cook most of our meals with an emphasis on vegetables, fruits, fish and chicken. We exercise regularly and have occasional treats. We have no chronic illnesses and aren't on any medications.

For some reason, our food choices rub people the wrong way. If we are asked why we are in good health, we answer, "Over the years, we've learned not to consume foods or beverages that make us feel bad." If we're invited out to eat and order the baked salmon with broccoli instead of the burger and fries, we hear, "Your diet is so BORING." We usually laugh and shrug it off, but we don't think our diet is boring. We simply enjoy being healthy and know that food is "medicine." Should we continue to keep our mouths shut? – Healthy Living

DEAR HEALTHY: YEP! Your friends and family react the way they do because seeing you eat the way you do makes them feel self-conscious about their own food choices. Continue laughing and shrugging to age 100. The others may not be as fortunate as you.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend recently discovered that I am still talking to another girl I used to date. I'll call her Kyra.

Kyra and I had agreed we would remain strictly friends, and the breakup was before I started dating my current girlfriend, "Jan." Jan is devastated by this, and I can somewhat understand why. She got cheated on multiple times in her last relationship.

Do you think I was crossing a boundary by wanting to maintain the friendship with Kyra? Or should I have dropped it when I started dating Jan? I'm asking you because everyone I talk to agrees with me, and everyone Jan talks to agrees with her. I assume it's because people agree with whoever is telling the story. You are unbiased, and your opinion would be greatly appreciated. – Doing The Right Thing In Utah

DEAR DOING: There's nothing wrong with remaining friends after a breakup. Jan is insecure because her last boyfriend cheated on her, and who can blame her? However, that is her problem, and you shouldn't make it yours. Your mistake was not telling Jan when you first started dating that you are still in touch with Kyra – and that she's a platonic friend, nothing more. Jan does not have the right to control your friendships, and you shouldn't let it happen.

DEAR ABBY: How do you cut off a person who talks constantly without a break? By the time there's a lull in her speech, I have forgotten what I wanted to add to the conversation. – Word In Edgewise In Pennsylvania

DEAR WORD: I have encountered compulsive talkers like her. They are exhausting. Remember, she has to breathe SOMETIME. The minute she starts to inhale, start talkin'!

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Searching for clarity in the middle of a divorce

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband and I are getting divorced. We have lived like roommates for years, but it all came to an end when he started blaming me for most of our problems, began an emotional affair, and kept lying about it when I caught him. I've moved ahead with finding an attorney.

He finally apologized for how things ended, but it's unclear to me what he's really sorry for – the lying and getting caught, the affair itself, or how he was treating me.

Everything is moving so quickly. We're not compatible and maybe never were, so this will be a good thing for us. However, I do still care about him and believe his mental health issues were at least partly to blame for his behavior.

He has rewritten our past enough that now I'm questioning what is true and what isn't. I'm also blaming myself for not being more emotionally available (he wasn't either), not being more compassionate about his mental health issues, and just not being a good partner in general.

At the same time, he told me he never opened up to me emotionally either and wasn't really what I was looking for in a partner.

How do I learn from my mistakes without thinking, based on what he is telling me, they were bigger than they were? How do I stop internalizing the blame he has placed on me?

I'd like to stop beating myself up over things that may or may not have really happened. – Hindsight

Carolyn Hax

DEAR HINDSIGHT: That's tiring just to read, so living it will wear you out. That's normal.

You're going through plenty just with the logistics of divorce, and achieving clarity at the same time is probably asking too much.

My only advice is to stop trying to figure all of it out. In fact, don't try to figure any of it out. Just get through the mechanics of it.

Attorney, yes, and a home of your own, and your own finances and home goods and all of that. These take time and attention. Make sure that attention is available by keeping your to-do list short.

When the questions bubble up, let them go unanswered. Say it aloud if you have to: "I'll get to that later." Or: "That can wait."

Then, when you're there in your own space without a marriage or a divorce to manage, listen for the silence.

When you hear it, that's when it's time to think about all those questions. You might find, and I suspect you will, that some of them will have answered themselves in the process.

The churn of an emotional transition can make issues seem more complicated than they really are. And if your husband's emotional MO is to deflect/diffuse/muddy, then the post-marital silence will be more powerful still.

REGARDING HINDSIGHT: Keep a journal, and don't read it until much later. It will help you know what was real. – Anonymous

REGARDING HINDSIGHT: There is no one perfect story to be told here, one that will explain everything, or send you off unencumbered into the future; there's just life, and plenty more to be lived, imperfectly and messily, and without any definitive explanations. – Messy

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Relieved sound
5 Tinned meat
9 Let's see ...
12 Ms. Falco
13 Non-soap opera
14 Yale athlete
15 Relax
16 Nasty look
17 Malt brew
18 Moved up and down
20 Colorado resort
22 Horror flick street
23 Owed right now
24 Living quarters
27 Adorn
30 Dog scolding word
31 Hertz competitor
33 Othello, for one
35 Muse of history
37 Garden bloom
39 Cry of discovery
40 Plan
42 Spread on
44 Remote targets?
45 — Tome
46 Forbidden
49 Displeasure
53 Go quickly
54 Actress — Sedgwick
56 Ensnare
57 Source of iron
58 Underwater shockers
59 Otherwise
60 — Enterprise
61 Bathrobe tie
62 Lariat

DOWN
1 "Me
2 "White Wedding" singer
3 Arizona river
4 Gave a leg up
5 Witch trial town
6 Spotted, as a horse
7 Summer quaff
8 Rove in quest for plunder
9 Mound
10 Marseilles Ms.
11 Manner
19 Earnest request
21 Give the appearance of
23 Hubby of Lucy
24 Easy as —
25 Island near Java
26 Thor's dad
27 Fledgling
28 Farm structure
29 Eye makeup
32 French wines
34 Oater star — Rogers
36 Klemperer or Preminger
38 Volvo rival
41 Calls to mind
43 Redcap
45 Crush
46 You, once
47 Tunes
48 Honey makers
49 WWW addresses
50 Woody's son
51 Pant
52 Rapier's kin
55 Pro vote

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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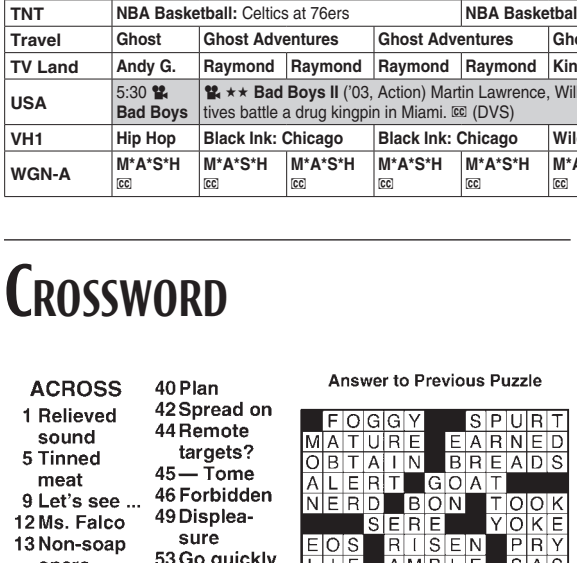

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Jumble

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MUYTM

SHOOYC

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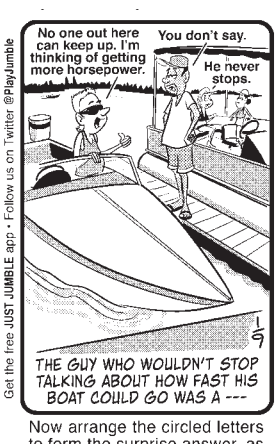
No one out here can keep up. I'm thinking of getting more horsepower.
You don't say.
He never stops.
THE GUY WHO WOULDN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT HOW FAST HIS BOAT COULD GO WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RUNNY HEDGE ODDITY SLEEPY
Answer: The hotel room was expensive and they had no choice but to — SPEND THE NIGHT

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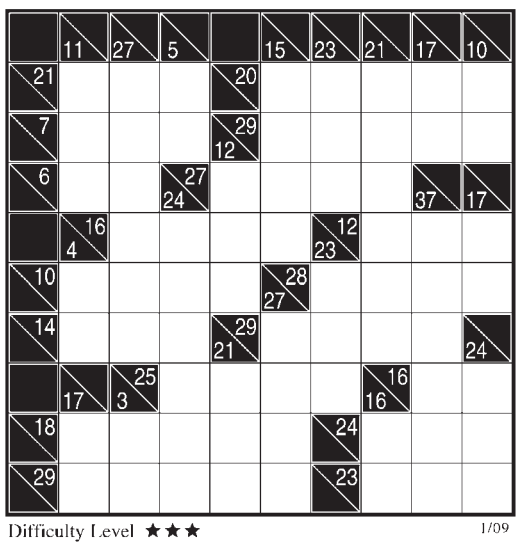
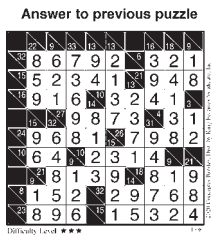
Kakuro



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/09

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Fran Lebowitz quipped, "Remember that as a teenager you are at the last stage in your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you."

Of course, she said that before teenagers had their own phones.

This deal was defended by Henry Rose, a 16-year-old English boy. He was competing in a training event for the England under-20 team with his partner, Jasmine Bakhshi, who is 15 and first played internationally just after her 11th birthday. Bakhshi and Rose will be competing in this year's world junior championships. It was initially described by Michael Byrne, who lives in Manchester.

South opened with the gambling three no-trump. This showed a solid seven-card or longer minor, but usually with no side ace, king or void.

The textbook lead against this opening bid is an ace. You hope, once you see the dummy, to know how to defeat the contract. So Rose led the club ace, but what did he do next?

If you like the idea of utilizing this rare bid, responder usually passes or (if unhappy with three no-trump) bids four clubs, which opener passes if that is his suit; otherwise, he corrects to four diamonds.

Rose realized that his side had to take four spade tricks. But he had to make sure that the suit didn't block. At trick two, he led the spade nine.

This would normally be top of nothing, but East knew that South did not have a side-suit ace. She took dummy's 10 with her queen and returned the spade three. West won and led the spade six through dummy's jack-seven into the jaws of East's king-eight. Cute.

North 01-09-20
♠ J 10 7 2
♥ A J 9 5 3 2
♦ 5
♣ K Q

West
♠ A 9 6
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ 4 3
♣ A J 10 9

East
♠ K Q 8 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7 6
♣ 6 4 3 2

South
♠ 5 4
♥ K
♦ A K Q J 10 8 2
♣ 8 7 5

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

	5	3			6			
			5	9	7			
		7		2		4		
3			7	5			1	
		4		1		8		
	1			8	9			7
		1		6		2		
			4	3	1			
			2			6	8	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	1	4	2	3	7	9	6	5
3	6	2	1	5	9	8	4	7
7	5	9	4	8	6	1	2	3
1	3	5	9	7	2	6	8	4
2	9	7	8	6	4	3	5	1
4	8	6	3	1	5	7	9	2
9	4	1	7	2	8	5	3	6
5	2	3	6	9	1	4	7	8
6	7	8	5	4	3	2	1	9

THE GUIDE

Photo provided

I Am Band performs Saturday night at The Livery.

TODAY

Dan Reisen: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

CarMa: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Eric Peter Schwartz: 7:30 p.m., The Stray Dog Bar & Grill, 245 N. Whittaker St., New Buffalo; 469-2727 or www.thestraydog.com

FRIDAY

Steve Michaels: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

MG Bailey: 7-10 p.m., Dooley's Lake House Pub, 310 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 469-2247 or dooleyslakehouse.com

Genius Night: 7:15 p.m., Elsie Earl Studios, 200 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 734-646-6633 or www.elsieearlstudios.com

Dave Van Dyke: 8-11 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Dueling Pianos: 8-11 p.m., AJ's Uptown Bar & Grill, 102 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; $14; 473-1579

Medicinal Groove: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Blammo: 9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

Hey Girl Hey: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Feel Good: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jesse: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SATURDAY

Brooklyn Charmers (Steely Dan tribute): 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

I Am Band: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

One Love Reggae Band: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

HiFi Superstar: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Chris: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Bash Beats: 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Tonic, 219 Main St., St. Joseph; 982-4000 or www.tonicstjoe.com

SUNDAY

Salina Halliday: 2-3 p.m., Forte Coffee, 2045 Niles Road, St. Joseph; 769-0050 or www.forte.coffee

Mike Struwin: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Andrews Sunday Music Series presents "Aires Tropicales": 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Foundry Hall presents Jim Cooper: 4-6 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

TUESDAY

International Musical Ambassador Concert with Jeff Whittaker: 3:30-4:30 p.m., The Whitcomb, 509 Ship St., St. Joseph; 983-2513 or www.whitcombretirement.com

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

JAN. 16

Artist reception for Works by Bruce Wrenn: 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Gallery at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph; $5; 983-1111 or www.harborshoresresort.com/the-inn

Dave Hiltebrand: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Open mic with Dave Van Dyke: 7 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

JAN. 17

15th annual Hunter Ice Festival: 5-9:30 p.m., downtown Niles; free; 687-4332 or www.huntericefestival.org

Foundry Hall presents Aaron Jonah Lewis: 7-8:30 p.m., Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum, 903 S. Bailey Ave., South Haven; $10-$15; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Crooked Root Band: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

The Undertakers Blues Band: 7-10 p.m., Watermark Brewing Company, 5781 St. Joseph Ave., Stevensville; 281-0872 or www.watermarkbrewing.com

Kody Bryant: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Kaitlin Rose Band: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

PS Dump Your Boyfriend: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Zero: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jellie Bean: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 18

Book signing with "When Life Gets Shaky" author Dale Hansen: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Parable Christian Store, 2913 Niles Ave., St. Joseph; 983-7883 or www.stjoseph.parable.com

The Resurrection Blues Band: 6-10 p.m, Stevensville American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Road, Stevensville; $6; 429-7101 or americanlegionpost568mi.org

Patty PerShayla: 7-9 p.m., Arclight Brewing Company, 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

Marrakesh Express (Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young tribute): 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

America: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; sold out; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Size Matters: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Hello Weekend: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Mad Jaz: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

15th annual Hunter Ice Festival: 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., see Jan. 17

JAN. 19

Artist reception for acrylic painting by Laura Hanlin, BAC instructor showcase and woodcarving by John VanDyke: 2-4 p.m., Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

Matt Gabriel: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

15th annual Hunter Ice Festival: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., see Jan. 17

JAN. 21

Annual History Trivia Showdown: 7 p.m., North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma; free; 468-3330 or www.northberrienhistory.org

JAN. 23

Robbie Gold Duo: 6 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 24

8th annual Chili Tour: 5-8 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; $2; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

SMSO presents Dueling Pianos: 7 p.m., Vineland Center, 1155 Vineland Road, St. Joseph; $30-$50; 982-4030 or www.smso.org

Songwriter Showcase featuring Carrie McFerrin, Alex Austin and Andy Baker: 7 p.m., Foundry Hall at Black River Tavern, 403 Phoenix St., South Haven; $10 suggested donation; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Imphormal: 8 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

"ABBA Mania": 8 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $27-$57; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Chirp: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Dart Board Compromise: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

The Crawpuppies: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Wayne: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 25

Wedding World: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

5th annual St. Joe Winter Beer Fest: noon-4 p.m., Broad Street and Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph, $35; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Carhartt Party with Dave and Connie D.: 3-7 p.m., McIntosh Cellars, 6431 107th Ave., South Haven; 637-7922 or www.mcintosorchards.com

SAM presents Kunito Nishitani and Rudolf Haken: 7 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; 409-1191 or www.schoolofamericanmusic.com

Gatsby Speakeasy Murder Mystery: 7-9:30 p.m., Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, 615 E. Main St., Niles; $30; 683-3000 or www.halbritterwickens.com

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Open Mic Night with Joe Bisceglia: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Emery Plews Band: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested cover; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

'90s Party: 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Tonic, 219 Main St., St. Joseph; 982-4000 or www.tonicstjoe.com

The 1985: 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

Whiskey Highway: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Twice the Action: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Dubbington: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 26

Lucky Bride: noon-4 p.m. Four Winds Casino Resort, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $7.50-$50; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Dale Wicks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Name That Tune Trivia: 4-6 p.m., Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

JAN. 28

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

JAN. 30

Mendel Center Living Room Series presents Molly: 7 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $13-$18; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

JAN. 31

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: downtown South Haven; free; 637-5171 or www.southhavenmi.com

16th annual Magical Ice Fest: 5:30 p.m.-midnight, downtown St. Joseph; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Opening reception for "Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons" and "Ongoing Matter": 6-8 p.m., Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Lynn and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Chris Robison: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Twin City Players presents "The Savannah Sipping Society": 7:30 p.m., TCP Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph; $12-$15; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org

Don Savoie: 7:30-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Great White and Slaughter: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $49 and up; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Bob Marley Birthday Bash with Indika: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Libido Funk Circus: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

"2019 Members' Show: Resiliency": through Jan. 20, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

"Annual Photography Competition": through Jan. 21, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve's Clark Art Gallery, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; free with regular admission ($10, $7 seniors and students with ID, $5 military and ages 5-17; free members and ages 4 and younger); 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

Archive exhibit of SMC event posters from 2010-19: through Jan. 30, Southwestern Michigan College's Gallery, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; free; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

"Palimpsest" by Scott Elliott: through Feb. 11; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

Acrylic painting by Laura Hanlin, BAC instructor showcase and woodcarving by John VanDyke: through Feb. 23, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"2019 Members Show: Inspired by the Greats": through Feb. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Karaoke: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Fridays; Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

Geeks Who Drink Trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; Sister Lakes Brewing, 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; free; 332-5135 or www.sisterlakesbrewing.com

Music match trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Thursdays; Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ karaoke: 9 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; Arrowhead Bar & Grill, 20 W. Main St., Hartford; free; 621-4100

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Saturdays; AJ's Uptown Bar and Grill, 102 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-1579

Karaoke: 10 p.m. Saturdays, Wednesdays; The Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Mondays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Open mic: 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Uptown Pizza Co., 100 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-6007 or www.uptownpizzacompany.com

Open mic: 7 p.m. Tuesdays; St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Elks Lodge 541, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 363-4180

Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

Open mic: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Rock 'n' Roll Dance Music with DJ Dale Owen: 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; Hidden Pointe Hall, 1050 Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor; $5; 926-1358

Team Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

FILM

"Parasite": 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday; **"Dark Waters":** 7 p.m. today, 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:45 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; **"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood":** 3 p.m. today; Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; $12, $10 students and seniors, free ages 100 and older; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

The Guide appears Thursdays in Entertainment. Submissions must include day, time, location, cost and contact info. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the following Thursday. We reserve the right to edit for space and style. Email to Focus@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4398 or mail to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085. For questions, call Andy Steinke at 932-0363.

NOW PLAYING

Movies in theaters this week.

NEW RELEASES

"1917": Two young British soldiers during World War I are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep into enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap. Stars Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Pip Carter. Rated R for violence, some disturbing images and language. Runtime: 119 minutes.

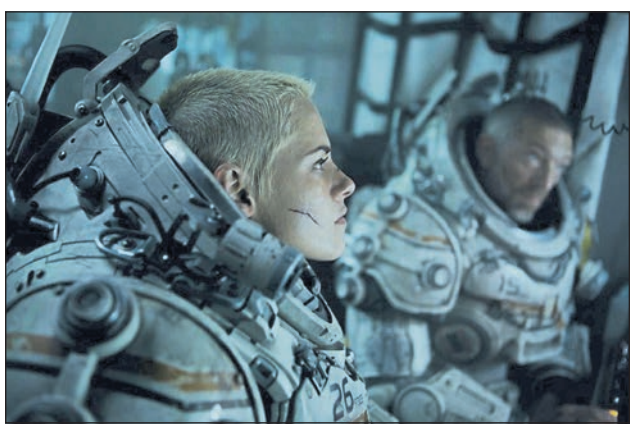
"Just Mercy": World-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner. Stars Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson, Rafe Spall and Tim Blake Nelson. Rated PG-13 for thematic content including some racial epithets. Runtime: 136 minutes.

"Like a Boss": Two friends with very different ideals start a beauty company together. One is more practical while the other wants to earn her fortune and live a lavish lifestyle. Stars Rose Byrne, Tiffany Haddish, Salma Hayek, Billy Porter and Jennifer Coolidge. Rated R for language, crude sexual material and drug use. Runtime: 83 minutes.

"Underwater": A crew of aquatic researchers work to get to safety after an earthquake devastates their subterranean laboratory. But the crew has more than the ocean seabed to fear. Stars Kristen Stewart, T.J. Miller, Jessica Henwick, Vincent Cassel and John Gallagher Jr. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action, terror and brief strong language. Runtime: 95 minutes.

Jake Giles Netter / Warner Bros. Pictures / TNS

Michael B. Jordan, at left, and Jamie Foxx are shown in a scene from "Just Mercy."



20th Century Fox / TNS

Kristen Stewart and Vincent Cassel are shown in a scene from "Underwater."

STILL SHOWING

"Bombshell": A group of women decide to take on Fox News head Roger Ailes and the toxic atmosphere he presided over at the network. Stars Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, Margot Robbie, John Lithgow and Allison Janney. Rated R for sexual material and language throughout. Runtime: 108 minutes.

"Frozen 2": Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers to save their kingdom. Stars Kristen Bell, Jonathan Groff, Idina Menzel, Evan Rachel Wood and Josh Gad. Rated PG for action, peril and some thematic elements. Runtime: 103 minutes.

"Jumanji: The Next Level": The gang is back, but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown – from arid deserts to snowy mountains – to escape the world's most dangerous game. Stars Karen Gillan, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Nick Jonas and Kevin Hart. Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Knives Out": A detective investigates the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. Stars Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Shannon. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references and drug material. Runtime: 130 minutes.

"Little Women": Four sisters come of age in America in the aftermath of the Civil War. Stars Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Timothée Chalamet, Florence Pugh and Eliza Scanlen. Rated PG for thematic elements and brief smoking. Runtime: 134 minutes.

"Spies in Disguise": When the world's best spy is turned into a pigeon, he must rely on his nerdy tech officer to save the world. Stars Karen Gillan, Rachel Brosnahan, Tom Holland, Will Smith and Rashida Jones. Rated PG for action, violence and rude humor. Runtime: 101 minutes.

"Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker": The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more in the final chapter of the Skywalker saga. Stars Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Mark Hamill. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action. Runtime: 141 minutes.

"The Grudge": A house is cursed by a vengeful ghost that dooms those who enter it with a violent death. Stars Tara Westwood, Junko Bailey, David Lawrence Brown, Zoe Fish and Andrea Riseborough. Rated R for disturbing violence and bloody images, terror and some language. Runtime: 93 minutes.

"Uncut Gems": A charismatic New York City jeweler always on the lookout for the next big score, makes a series of high-stakes bets that could lead to the windfall of a lifetime. Stars Adam Sandler, Julia Fox, Kevin Garnett, The Weeknd and Idina Menzel. Rated R for pervasive strong language, violence, some sexual content and brief drug use. Runtime: 135 minutes.

WEEKEND

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Cooper has been playing the vibraphone for more than 40 years, leading numerous groups and appearing as a soloist and as a sideman.

The event is free, but donations are accepted.

Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., offers beer, hot chocolate and some nonalcoholic sodas.

For more information about Sunday's event visit foundryhall.org. For more information about Cooper, visit www.jimcooper.net.

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Vibraphonist Jim Cooper will continue his Sunday Jazz Jams at Harbor Light Brewery this weekend.

BRIEFS

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The festival will consist of two venues. The Taste Faire will be in Grand Upton Hall, and will feature about 30 Michigan craft beer, wine and cider makers; culinary treats from local dining establishments; and live entertainment from 1-8 p.m. featuring local artists and headliner Bryan Lubeck.

On the Mainstage, three acts – The Reminders (4 p.m.), JigJam (6 p.m.) and Six Appeal (8 p.m.) – will perform all-ages sets.

Throughout The Mendel Center corridors, festival goers can purchase items at the pop-up makers market.

Damon Wayans to perform at Four Winds

NEW BUFFALO — Comedian Damon Wayans will bring his "It's Personal Tour" to Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. April 18 show go on sale Friday. Prices range from $45 to $75.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com or by calling 866-494-6371.

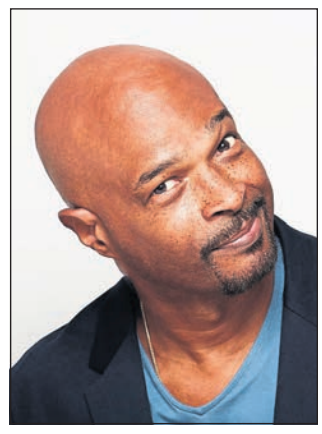
Besides his stand-up comedy, Wayans is known for the Emmy Award-winning series "In Living Color," where he created sketch characters like Homey the Clown, Handiman, and Blaine from Men on Film. His writing for the series earned him two Emmy nominations in addition to the show's nominations.

He also co-created, starred and executive produced the series "My Wife and Kids," which is in syndication worldwide.

On the big screen, he has starred in "Bamboozled, "Major Payne," "Blankman" and "Mo Money."

After making his start touring the comedy club circuit, he landed a role on "Saturday Night Live." He went on to star in a series of HBO specials.

Wayans is also the author of "Bootleg," a humorous compilation of his observations on family, children, marriage and politics.



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Comedian Damon Wayans will perform at Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo on April 18.

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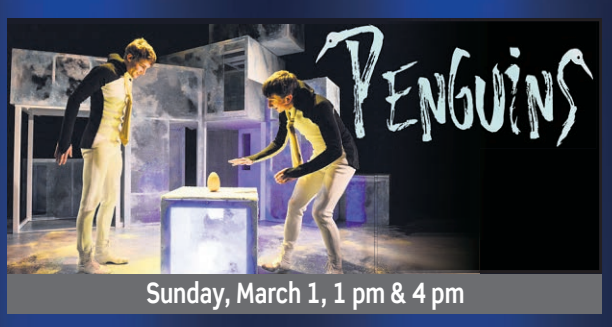

Sunday, March 1, 1 pm & 4 pm

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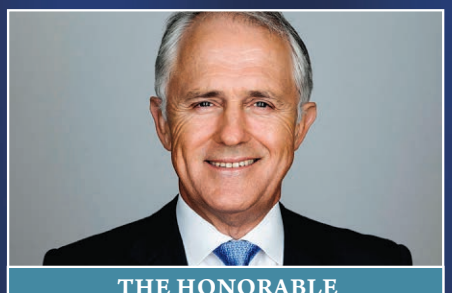
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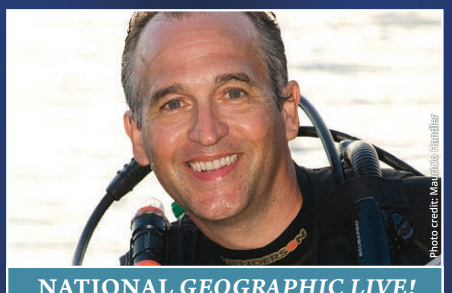
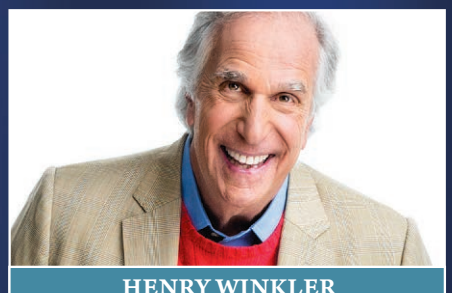


NATIONAL *GEOGRAPHIC LIVE!*
BRIAN SKERRY
Wed., Apr. 8, 7:30 pm


HENRY WINKLER
Tues., May 19, 7:30 pm

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